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SENATE BILL 5963

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By Senators Bailey, Rivers, Chase, Braun, Conway, Schoesler, Shin, Roach, Hobbs, Darneille, and Tom; by request of Washington Military Department

Read first time 01/13/14. Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the officer promotion board;  
2 and amending RCW 38.12.125.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.12.125 and 1989 c 19 s 18 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The officer promotion board shall be composed as follows:

7 (1) For promotions (~~(or appointments)~~) of army national guard  
8 officers, the (~~board will consist of the adjutant general, the~~  
9 ~~assistant adjutant general army, and the five commanders senior in~~  
10 ~~grade and date of rank in that grade in the Washington army national~~  
11 ~~guard. If the board is selecting an officer for promotion to the rank~~  
12 ~~of colonel, any member of the board who is a lieutenant colonel will be~~  
13 ~~automatically disqualified and will not be replaced. If the board is~~  
14 ~~selecting an officer for promotion to the rank of brigadier general,~~  
15 ~~any member of the board who is a lieutenant colonel or who is a colonel~~  
16 ~~will be automatically disqualified and will not be replaced)) adjutant  
17 general must appoint a board that includes at least five voting members  
18 who are officers in the army national guard senior in grade to those  
19 officers being considered by the board for promotion.~~

1 (a) Any officer appointed to the board who is not senior in grade  
2 to officers being considered for promotion must be recused from  
3 participating in the consideration for promotion of those officers to  
4 whom he or she is not senior.

5 (b) For consideration of an officer for promotion to the grade of  
6 O5 and above, the board must include at least one general officer  
7 appointed by the adjutant general as a voting member.

8 ~~(2) For promotions ((or appointments)) of air national guard~~  
9 ~~officers, the ((board will consist of the adjutant general, the~~  
10 ~~assistant adjutant general air, and the five commanders senior in grade~~  
11 ~~and date of rank in that grade in the Washington air national guard. If~~  
12 ~~the board is selecting an officer for promotion to the rank of colonel,~~  
13 ~~any member of the board who is a lieutenant colonel will be~~  
14 ~~automatically disqualified and will not be replaced. If the board is~~  
15 ~~selecting an officer for promotion to the rank of brigadier general,~~  
16 ~~any member of the board who is a lieutenant colonel or who is a colonel~~  
17 ~~will be automatically disqualified and will not be replaced))~~ adjutant  
18 general must appoint a board that includes at least five voting members  
19 who are officers in the air national guard senior in grade to those  
20 officers being considered by the board for promotion.

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22 to officers being considered for promotion must be recused from  
23 participating in the consideration for promotion of those officers to  
24 whom he or she is not senior.

25 (b) For consideration of an officer for promotion to the grade of  
26 O5 and above, the board must include at least one general officer  
27 appointed by the adjutant general as a voting member.

28 ~~(3) For promotions ((or appointments)) of state guard officers, the~~  
29 ~~((board will consist of the adjutant general, the assistant adjutant~~  
30 ~~general army, and the five officers senior in grade and in date of rank~~  
31 ~~in that grade in the state guard. If the board is selecting an officer~~  
32 ~~for promotion to the rank of colonel, any member of the board who is a~~  
33 ~~lieutenant colonel will be automatically disqualified and will not be~~  
34 ~~replaced. If the board is selecting an officer for promotion to the~~  
35 ~~rank of brigadier general, any member of the board who is a lieutenant~~  
36 ~~colonel or who is a colonel will be automatically disqualified and will~~  
37 ~~not be replaced))~~ adjutant general must appoint a board that includes

1 at least five voting members who are officers in the state guard senior  
2 in grade to those officers being considered by the board for promotion.

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4 to officers being considered for promotion must be recused from  
5 participating in the consideration for promotion of those officers to  
6 whom he or she is not senior.

7 (b) For consideration of an officer for promotion to the grade of  
8 O5 and above, the board must include at least one general officer  
9 appointed by the adjutant general as a voting member.

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