ESSB 6002 - H AMD TO SEIT COMM AMD (H-4828.2/18) **1173**
    By Representative Stokesbary

1   On page 6, after line 29 of the amendment, insert the following:

2   "**Sec. 210.** RCW 53.12.010 and 2002 c 51 s 1 are each amended to
3   read as follows:
4   (1) The powers of the port district shall be exercised through a
5   port commission consisting of three or <u>five members</u>, ((~~when~~)) <u>or as</u>
6   <u>otherwise</u> permitted by this title((<u>, five members</u>)).
7   <u>(a)</u> Every port district that is not coextensive with a county
8   having a population of five hundred thousand or more shall be divided
9   into the same number of commissioner districts as there are
10   commissioner positions, each having approximately equal population,
11   unless provided otherwise under subsection (2) of this section.
12   <u>(b)</u> Where a port district with three commissioner positions is
13   coextensive with the boundaries of a county that has a population of
14   less than five hundred thousand and the county has three county
15   legislative authority districts, the port commissioner districts
16   shall be the county legislative authority districts.
17   <u>(c)</u> In other instances where a port district is divided into
18   commissioner districts, the port commission shall divide the port
19   district into commissioner districts unless the commissioner
20   districts have been described pursuant to RCW 53.04.031. The
21   commissioner districts shall be altered as provided in chapter 53.16
22   RCW.
23   <u>(d)</u> Commissioner districts shall be used as follows: ((~~(a)~~)) <u>(i)</u>
24   Only a registered voter who resides in a commissioner district may be
25   a candidate for, or hold office as, a commissioner of the
26   commissioner district; and ((~~(b)~~)) <u>(ii)</u> only the voters of a
27   commissioner district may vote at a primary to nominate candidates
28   for a commissioner of the commissioner district. <u>Except as provided</u>
29   <u>in subsection (3) of this section, v</u>oters of the entire port district
30   may vote at a general election to elect a person as a commissioner of
31   the commissioner district.

1   (2)(a) In port districts with five commissioners, two of the
2   commissioner districts may include the entire port district if
3   approved by the voters of the district either at the time of
4   formation or at a subsequent port district election at which the
5   issue is proposed pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of
6   commissioners and delivered to the county auditor.

7   (b) In a port district with five commissioners, where two of the
8   commissioner districts include the entire port district, the port
9   district may be divided into five commissioner districts if proposed
10   pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of commissioners or
11   pursuant to a petition by the voters and approved by the voters of
12   the district at the next general or special election occurring sixty
13   or more days after the adoption of the resolution. A petition
14   proposing such an increase must be submitted to the county auditor of
15   the county in which the port district is located and signed by voters
16   of the port district at least equal in number to ten percent of the
17   number of voters in the port district who voted at the last general
18   election.

19   Upon approval by the voters, the commissioner district boundaries
20   shall be redrawn into five districts within one hundred twenty days
21   and submitted to the county auditor pursuant to RCW 53.16.015. The
22   new commissioner districts shall be numbered one through five and the
23   three incumbent commissioners representing the three former districts
24   shall represent commissioner districts one through three. The two at
25   large incumbent commissioners shall represent commissioner districts
26   four and five. If, as a result of redrawing the district boundaries,
27   more than one of the incumbent commissioners resides in one of the
28   new commissioner districts, the commissioners who reside in the same
29   commissioner district shall determine by lot which of the numbered
30   commissioner districts they shall represent for the remainder of
31   their respective terms.

32   (3)(a) Beginning in 2019, any port district with five members
33   that is coextensive with a county having a population of over one and
34   one-half million, and with a legislative authority of nine members,
35   must be divided into the same commissioner districts as the county
36   legislative authority districts and include the same number of
37   commissioner positions as the county legislative authority.

38   (b) Each commissioner must reside in the district from which he
39   or she is elected, and only voters from each district may elect the

1 commissioner to fill that district's commissioner position. No
2 commissioner position may be elected at large.
3 (c) Each commissioner elected prior to 2019 with at least two
4 years remaining in his or her term may complete his or her term for
5 the new commissioner district in which he or she resides. If, as a
6 result of redrawing the district boundaries, more than one of the
7 incumbent commissioners, with at least two years remaining on each of
8 their terms, reside in one of the new commissioner districts, the
9 commissioners who reside in the same commissioner district shall
10 determine by lot which commissioner will represent the district for
11 the remainder of the term.
12 (d) The initial election under this subsection (3) will include
13 the election of positions in each of the remaining district positions
14 as follows:
15 (i) A certain number of positions elected to serve an initial
16 two-year term, which in addition to any incumbent commissioner's
17 position, as established in (c) of this subsection (3), provide a
18 total number of four positions that will expire at the end of 2021;
19 and
20 (ii) Five positions elected to serve four-year terms.
21 (e) The county auditor must select which district positions will
22 be two-year or four-year terms for the initial election, pursuant to
23 (d) of this subsection. All subsequent terms for all positions must
24 be for four-year terms.
25 (f) Each commissioner must receive the same salary as a member of
26 the state legislature, as set under RCW 43.03.013."

27 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
28 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires that, beginning in 2019, any five-member port
district that is coextensive with a county, having a population of
over 1.5 million and a legislative authority of nine members, to
divide into commissioner districts that are the same as county
legislative authority.

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