
SENATE BILL 5502

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By Senators Zeiger and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

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Tribal Relations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to alignment of statutory deadlines to the
2 Constitution; and amending RCW 44.05.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.100 and 2002 c 4 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon approval of a redistricting plan by three of the voting
7 members of the commission, but not later than ((January—1st))
8 November 15th of the year ending in ((two)) one, the commission shall
9 submit the plan to the legislature.

10 (2) After submission of the plan by the commission, the
11 legislature shall have the next thirty days during any regular or
12 special session to amend the commission's plan. If the legislature
13 amends the commission's plan the legislature's amendment must be
14 approved by an affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the
15 members elected or appointed thereto, and may not include more than
16 two percent of the population of any legislative or congressional
17 district.

18 (3) The plan approved by the commission, with any amendment
19 approved by the legislature, shall be final upon approval of such
20 amendment or after expiration of the time provided for legislative
21 amendment by subsection (2) of this section whichever occurs first,

1 and shall constitute the districting law applicable to this state for
2 legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the next
3 elections held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in force
4 until the effective date of the plan based upon the next succeeding
5 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as
6 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

7 (4) If three of the voting members of the commission fail to
8 approve and submit a plan within the time limitations provided in
9 subsection (1) of this section, the supreme court shall adopt a plan
10 by March 1st of the year ending in two. Any such plan approved by the
11 court is final and constitutes the districting law applicable to this
12 state for legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the
13 next election held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in
14 force until the effective date of the plan based on the next
15 succeeding federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes
16 effect as provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

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