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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife commission members; and
2 amending RCW 77.04.030 and 43.06.092.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.030 and 2001 c 155 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered
7 voters of the state. In January of each odd-numbered year, the
8 governor shall appoint with the advice and consent of the senate
9 three registered voters to the commission to serve for terms of six
10 years from that January or until their successors are appointed and
11 qualified. If the senate does not confirm an appointment within 12
12 months, the appointment to the commission expires and the governor
13 must provide a new appointment. If a vacancy occurs on the commission
14 prior to the expiration of a term, the governor shall appoint a
15 registered voter within sixty days to complete the term. Three
16 members shall be residents of that portion of the state lying east of
17 the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three shall be residents of
18 that portion of the state lying west of the summit of the Cascade
19 mountains. Three additional members shall be appointed at large. No
20 two members may be residents of the same county. The legal office of

1 the commission is at the administrative office of the department in
2 Olympia.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.06.092 and 1981 c 338 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) (~~Any~~) Except as provided in RCW 77.04.030, any
6 gubernatorial appointee subject to senate confirmation shall continue
7 to serve unless rejected by a vote of the senate. An appointee who is
8 rejected by a vote of the senate shall not be reappointed to the same
9 position for a period of one year from termination of service.

10 (2) Any person appointed by the governor to fill the unexpired
11 term of an appointment subject to senate confirmation must also be
12 confirmed by the senate.

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