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**SENATE BILL 5106**

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**By** Senator Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating timelines for adopting county  
2 commissioner district boundaries following expansion from three to  
3 five commissioners; and amending RCW 36.32.0552.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.0552 and 1990 c 252 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 If the ballot proposition receives majority voter approval, the  
8 size of the board of county commissioners shall be increased to five  
9 members as provided in this section.

10 The two newly created positions shall be filled at elections to  
11 be held in the next year. The county shall, as provided in this  
12 section, be divided into five commissioner districts, so that each  
13 district shall comprise as nearly as possible one-fifth of the  
14 population of the county. No two members of the existing board of  
15 county commissioners may, at the time of the designation of such  
16 districts, permanently reside in one of the five districts. The  
17 division of the county into five districts shall be accomplished as  
18 follows:

19 (1) The board of county commissioners shall, by the (~~second~~  
20 ~~Monday of March~~) 90th day prior to the first day of filing week of

1 the year following the election, adopt a resolution creating the  
2 districts;

3 (2) If by the (~~second Tuesday of March~~) 89th day prior to the  
4 first day of filing week of the year following the election the board  
5 of county commissioners has failed to create the districts, the  
6 prosecuting attorney of the county shall petition the superior court  
7 of the county to appoint a referee to designate the five commissioner  
8 districts. The referee shall designate such districts by no later  
9 than (~~June 1st~~) the 60th day prior to the first day of filing week  
10 of the year following the election. The two commissioner districts  
11 within which no existing member of the board of county commissioners  
12 permanently resides shall be designated as districts four and five.

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