
SENATE BILL 5673

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By Senators Short and Van De Wege

1 AN ACT Relating to the forest practices board; and amending RCW
2 76.09.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.030 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 1 s 211 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the forest practices board of the
7 state of Washington as an agency of state government consisting of
8 members as follows:

9 (a) One of each of the following from the governor's executive
10 cabinet, who will be nonvoting members of the board:

11 (i) The director of the department of commerce or the director's
12 designee;

13 (ii) The director of the department of agriculture or the
14 director's designee;

15 (iii) The director of the department of ecology or the director's
16 designee;

17 (b) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
18 designee;

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20 ~~director's designee;~~

1 ~~(c) The director of the department of agriculture or the~~
2 ~~director's designee;~~

3 ~~(d) The director of the department of ecology or the director's~~
4 ~~designee;~~

5 ~~(e))~~ (c) The director of the department of fish and wildlife or
6 the director's designee;

7 ~~((f))~~ (d) An elected member of a county legislative authority
8 appointed by the governor. However, the county member's service on
9 the board shall be conditioned on the member's continued service as
10 an elected county official;

11 ~~((g))~~ (e) One member representing a timber products union,
12 appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by a
13 timber labor coalition affiliated with a statewide labor organization
14 that represents a majority of the timber product unions in the state;
15 and

16 ~~((h))~~ (f) Six members of the general public appointed by the
17 governor, one of whom shall be a small forestland owner who actively
18 manages his or her land, and one of whom shall be an independent
19 logging contractor.

20 (2) The members of the initial board appointed by the governor
21 shall be appointed so that the term of one member shall expire
22 December 31, 1975, the term of one member shall expire December 31,
23 1976, the term of one member shall expire December 31, 1977, the
24 terms of two members shall expire December 31, 1978, and the terms of
25 two members shall expire December 31, 1979. Thereafter, each member
26 shall be appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies on the board
27 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Each
28 member of the board shall continue in office until his or her
29 successor is appointed and qualified. The commissioner of public
30 lands or the commissioner's designee shall be the chair of the board.

31 (3) The board shall meet at such times and places as shall be
32 designated by the chair or upon the written request of the majority
33 of the board. The principal office of the board shall be at the state
34 capital.

35 (4) Members of the board, except public employees and elected
36 officials, shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250.
37 Each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses
38 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in RCW
39 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (5) The board may employ such clerical help and staff pursuant to
2 chapter 41.06 RCW as is necessary to carry out its duties.

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