
SENATE BILL 5018

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1 AN ACT Relating to the geographic composition of county weed
2 boards; and amending RCW 17.10.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 17.10.050 and 2021 c 217 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Each activated county noxious weed control board consists of
7 five voting members appointed by the county legislative authority in
8 the manner prescribed in this section. In appointing the voting
9 members, the county legislative authority shall divide the county
10 into ((five)) four geographical areas that best represent the
11 county's interests, and appoint a voting member from each
12 geographical area and one at large member. At least three of the
13 voting members shall be engaged in the primary production of
14 agricultural products. There is one nonvoting member on the board who
15 is the director of the county extension office or an extension agent
16 appointed by the director of the county extension office. Each voting
17 member of the board serves a term of four years, except that the
18 county legislative authority shall, when a board is first activated
19 under this chapter, designate two voting members to serve terms of
20 two years. The board members shall not receive a salary but shall be

1 compensated for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
2 performance of their official duties.

3 (2) (a) The voting members of the board serve until their
4 replacements are appointed. New members of the board shall be
5 appointed at least (~~thirty~~) 30 days prior to the expiration of any
6 board member's term of office.

7 (b) Notice of expiration of a term of office shall be published
8 at least twice in a weekly or daily newspaper of general circulation
9 in the geographical area with last publication occurring at least
10 (~~ten~~) 10 days prior to the nomination, or by posting on the
11 district's website at least 10 days prior to the nomination. All
12 persons interested in appointment to the board and residing in the
13 geographical area with a pending nomination shall make a written
14 application (~~that includes the signatures of at least ten registered~~
15 ~~voters residing in the geographical area supporting the nomination~~)
16 to the county noxious weed control board. After nominations close,
17 the county noxious weed control board shall, after a hearing, send
18 the applications to the county legislative authority recommending the
19 names of the most qualified candidates, and post the names of those
20 nominees in the county courthouse or county website (~~and publish in~~
21 ~~at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county~~). The
22 county legislative authority, within 60 days of receiving the list of
23 nominees, shall appoint one of those nominees to the county noxious
24 weed control board to represent that geographical area during that
25 term of office. If the county legislative authority fails to appoint
26 a nominee within the 60-day period and a quorum of the board is not
27 seated, the county noxious weed control board shall appoint a nominee
28 only to meet a quorum, who shall serve in that capacity until the
29 county legislative authority appoints a nominee to fill the vacant
30 position in the manner prescribed in this section. Not more than
31 three board members may be appointed in this manner.

32 (3) Within (~~thirty~~) 30 days after all the members have been
33 appointed, the board shall conduct its first meeting. A majority of
34 the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the
35 transaction of business and is necessary for any action taken by the
36 board. The board shall elect from its members a chair and other
37 officers as may be necessary.

1 (4) In case of a vacancy, the position must be filled in the
2 manner prescribed in this section.

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