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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1988**

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Braddock, Sprenkle, Anderson, Prentice, Belcher, Dellwo and Leonard).

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1            AN ACT Relating to Indian delegates in the Washington state  
2 legislature; adding new sections to chapter 44.04 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that members of  
6 the Indian tribes of our state, the first citizens to live in what is  
7 now the state of Washington, have a unique government-to-government  
8 relationship with our state and would bring an important historical and  
9 cultural perspective to the deliberations of the legislative branch of  
10 our government. It is the purpose of this act to provide for direct  
11 participation in the legislative process by delegates representing  
12 Indian tribes of the state of Washington.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**            The federally recognized Indian tribes  
14 in the state of Washington are invited to elect two persons to serve as

1 delegates representing the tribes in the state's house of  
2 representatives and two persons to serve as delegates representing the  
3 tribes in the state's senate. These four persons shall serve as  
4 nonvoting members of the house to which they are elected, but otherwise  
5 shall have the same privileges as other members of the legislature to  
6 fully participate in the legislative process.

7 The tribes shall select the process for electing these delegates.  
8 Such an election may be based on population representation or tribal  
9 representation or any other form of representation selected by the  
10 tribes. For example, the election may be limited to, but need not be  
11 limited to, election by the chairs of the tribal councils of the  
12 federally recognized Indian tribes in this state.

13 The tribes shall transmit a document to the house and the senate  
14 which identifies the means by which persons shall be certified by the  
15 tribes as being delegates, the means by which such a document may be  
16 amended by the tribes to alter the certification process, and the means  
17 by which the house and senate shall be notified regarding such an  
18 amendment.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Delegates elected to represent the  
20 Indian tribes under section 2 of this act shall serve two-year terms,  
21 which terms shall commence as provided in RCW 44.04.021: PROVIDED,  
22 That the members first elected under section 2 of this act shall serve  
23 one-year terms commencing on the second Monday in January 1992. Per  
24 diem and expense allowances for delegates elected to represent Indian  
25 tribes shall be the same as provided for other members of the  
26 legislature.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each  
28 added to chapter 44.04 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
4 effect immediately.