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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5165
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By Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Pridemore, and Holmquist Newbry)

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1   AN ACT Relating to limiting changes to commissioner districts
2 during commissioner elections and election filing periods; and amending
3 RCW 36.32.020.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.020 and 1982 c 226 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:
7   The board of county commissioners of each county shall divide their
8 county into three commissioner districts so that each district shall
9 comprise as nearly as possible one-third of the population of the
10 county: PROVIDED, That the territory comprised in any voting precincts
11 of such districts shall remain compact, and shall not be divided by the
12 lines of said districts.
13   However, the commissioners of any county composed entirely of
14 islands and with a population of less than thirty-five thousand may
15 divide their county into three commissioner districts without regard to
16 population, except that if any single island is included in more than
17 one district, the districts on such island shall comprise, as nearly as
18 possible, equal populations.

1   The lines of the districts shall not be changed ((oftener)) more
2 than once in four years and only when a full board of commissioners is
3 present. The lines of the districts shall not be changed during the
4 period beginning thirty days before the first day of the period allowed
5 under RCW 29A.24.081 for the filing of a declaration of candidacy by
6 mail and ending the day after the county canvassing board certifies the
7 general election results under RCW 29A.60.190. The districts shall be
8 designated as districts numbered one, two, and three.

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