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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5764**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Cantu)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the redistricting commission; and amending RCW  
2 44.05.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.100 and 1983 c 16 s 10 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon approval of a redistricting plan by three of the voting  
7 members of the commission, but not later than (~~January 1st~~) December  
8 15th of the year ending in (~~two~~) one, the commission shall submit the  
9 plan to the legislature.

10 (2) After submission of the plan by the commission, the legislature  
11 shall have the next thirty days during any regular or special session  
12 to amend the commission's plan. If the legislature amends the  
13 commission's plan the legislature's amendment must be approved by an  
14 affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or  
15 appointed thereto, and may not include more than two percent of the  
16 population of any legislative or congressional district.

17 (3) The plan approved by the commission, with any amendment  
18 approved by the legislature, shall be final upon approval of such  
19 amendment or after expiration of the time provided for legislative

1 amendment by subsection (2) of this section whichever occurs first, and  
2 shall constitute the districting law applicable to this state for  
3 legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the next  
4 elections held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in force  
5 until the effective date of the plan based upon the next succeeding  
6 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
7 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

8 (4) If three of the voting members of the commission fail to  
9 approve and submit a plan within the time limitations provided in  
10 subsection (1) of this section, the supreme court shall adopt a plan by  
11 March 1st of the year ending in two. Any such plan approved by the  
12 court is final and constitutes the districting law applicable to this  
13 state for legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the  
14 next election held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in  
15 force until the effective date of the plan based on the next succeeding  
16 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
17 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

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