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HOUSE BILL 1119

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By Representatives Pennington, Hatfield, Mielke, Doumit and Eickmeyer

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1            AN ACT Relating to the fish and wildlife commission; and amending  
2 RCW 77.04.030.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.030 and 1994 c 264 s 52 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered voters  
7 of the state appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of  
8 the senate. In January of each odd-numbered year, the governor shall  
9 appoint (~~with the advice and consent of the senate~~) two registered  
10 voters to the commission to serve for terms of six years from that  
11 January or until their successors are appointed and qualified. If a  
12 vacancy occurs on the commission prior to the expiration of a term, the  
13 governor shall appoint a registered voter within sixty days to complete  
14 the term. (~~Three members shall be residents of that portion of the~~  
15 ~~state lying east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three~~  
16 ~~shall be residents of that portion of the state lying west of the~~  
17 ~~summit of the Cascade mountains.~~) Six members shall be appointed to  
18 represent the six administrative regions of the department, with each  
19 of these members representing a different administrative region. The

1 department shall adopt the six administrative regions by rule. A  
2 member representing an administrative region of the department must be  
3 a resident of that region. The governor shall appoint commissioners to  
4 achieve this balance by administrative region as terms of commissioners  
5 expire and vacancies occur. Three additional members shall be  
6 appointed at-large ((effective July 1, 1993; one of whom shall serve a  
7 one and one-half year term to end December 31, 1994; one of whom shall  
8 serve a three and one-half year term to end December 31, 1996; and one  
9 of whom shall serve a five and one-half year term to end December 31,  
10 1998)). ((Thereafter)) All members are to serve a six-year term. No  
11 two members may be residents of the same county. The legal office of  
12 the commission is at the administrative office of the department in  
13 Olympia.

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