
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6340

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By Senate Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Regala and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership of the Washington state forensic
2 investigations council; and amending RCW 43.103.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.103.040 and 1995 c 398 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The council shall consist of ~~((twelve))~~ fourteen members who shall
7 be selected as follows: One county coroner; one county prosecutor; one
8 county prosecutor who also serves as ex officio county coroner; one
9 county medical examiner; one county sheriff; one chief of police; the
10 chief of the state patrol; two members of a county legislative
11 authority; one pathologist who is currently in private practice;
12 ~~((and))~~ two members of a city legislative authority; one attorney whose
13 practice of law includes significant experience representing clients
14 charged with criminal offenses; and one scientist with experience in
15 the areas of laboratory standards or quality assurance regulation and
16 monitoring who is a faculty member at a state university, regional
17 university, state college, or a nonprofit college or university that
18 has maintained its primary location in the state of Washington for a

1 minimum of twenty-five consecutive years and has an enrollment of at
2 least five hundred students.

3 The governor shall appoint members to the council from among the
4 nominees submitted for each position as follows: The Washington
5 association of county officials shall submit two nominees each for the
6 coroner position and the medical examiner position; the Washington
7 state association of counties shall submit two nominees each for the
8 two county legislative authority positions; the association of
9 Washington cities shall submit two nominees each for the two city
10 legislative authority positions; the Washington association of
11 prosecuting attorneys shall submit two nominees each for the county
12 prosecutor-ex officio county coroner and for the county prosecutor
13 position; the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
14 shall submit two nominees each for the county sheriff position and the
15 chief of police position; ~~((and))~~ the Washington association of
16 pathologists shall submit two nominees for the private pathologist
17 position; the Washington association of criminal defense lawyers and
18 the Washington defender association shall jointly submit two nominees
19 for the criminal defense attorney position, one of whom must actively
20 manage or have significant experience in managing a public or private
21 criminal defense agency or association, the other must have experience
22 in cases involving DNA or other forensic evidence; and the president of
23 a state university, regional university, state college, or a nonprofit
24 college or university that has maintained its primary location in the
25 state of Washington for a minimum of twenty-five consecutive years and
26 has an enrollment of at least five hundred students may each forward to
27 the governor a nomination of a full-time member of the faculty at the
28 university or college at which the president serves, for consideration
29 as a member of the council. No president shall be required to submit
30 a nomination and the governor shall not be restricted to appointing a
31 member of the council from among individuals nominated by a president.

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