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Tribal Relations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to state building code council membership; and
2 amending RCW 19.27.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.070 and 2018 c 207 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby established in the department of enterprise
7 services a state building code council (~~(, to be appointed by the~~
8 ~~governor)~~). The state building code council shall consist of nineteen
9 voting members and one nonvoting member.

10 ~~((1))~~ (a)(i) The state building code council shall consist of
11 fifteen voting members appointed by the governor:

12 ~~((a))~~ (A) Two members must be county elected legislative body
13 members or elected executives;

14 ~~((b))~~ (B) Two members must be city elected legislative body
15 members or mayors;

16 ~~((e))~~ (C) One member must be a local government building code
17 enforcement official;

18 ~~((d))~~ (D) One member must be a local government fire service
19 official;

20 ~~((e))~~ (E) One member must be a person with a physical
21 disability and shall represent the disability community;

1 ~~((f))~~ (F) One member, who is not eligible for membership on the
2 council in any other capacity, and who has not previously been
3 nominated or appointed to the council to represent any other group,
4 must represent the general public; and

5 ~~((g))~~ (G) Seven members must represent the private sector or
6 professional organizations as follows:

7 ~~((i))~~ (I) One member shall represent general construction,
8 specializing in commercial and industrial building construction;

9 ~~((ii))~~ (II) One member shall represent general construction,
10 specializing in residential and multifamily building construction;

11 ~~((iii))~~ (III) One member shall represent the architectural
12 design profession;

13 ~~((iv))~~ (IV) One member shall represent the structural
14 engineering profession;

15 ~~((v))~~ (V) One member shall represent the mechanical engineering
16 profession;

17 ~~((vi))~~ (VI) One member shall represent the construction
18 building trades;

19 ~~((vii))~~ (VII) One member shall represent manufacturers,
20 installers, or suppliers of building materials and components.

21 ~~((2))~~ (ii) At least six of these fifteen members shall reside
22 east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

23 ~~((3))~~ (b) The council shall include four additional voting
24 members:

25 (i) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
26 speaker of the house, one from each caucus; ~~((two))~~ and

27 (ii) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
28 senate, one from each caucus ~~((; and))~~.

29 (c) The council may also include an employee of the electrical
30 division of the department of labor and industries, as an ex officio,
31 nonvoting member ~~((s))~~ with all other privileges and rights of
32 membership.

33 ~~((4))~~ (2)(a) Terms of office shall be for three years, or for
34 so long as the member remains qualified for the appointment.

35 (b) The council shall elect a member to serve as chair of the
36 council for one-year terms of office.

37 (c) Any member who is appointed by virtue of being an elected
38 official or holding public employment shall be removed from the
39 council if he or she ceases being such an elected official or holding
40 such public employment.

1 (d) Any member who is appointed to represent a specific private
2 sector industry must maintain sufficiently similar private sector
3 employment or circumstances throughout the term of office to remain
4 qualified to represent the specified industry. Retirement or
5 unemployment is not cause for termination. However, if a
6 councilmember appointed to represent a specific private sector
7 industry enters into employment outside of the industry, or outside
8 of the private sector, he or she has been appointed to represent,
9 then he or she must be removed from the council.

10 (e) Any member who no longer qualifies for appointment under this
11 section may not vote on council actions, but may participate as an ex
12 officio, nonvoting member until a replacement member is appointed. A
13 member must notify the council staff and the governor's office within
14 thirty days of the date the member no longer qualifies for
15 appointment under this section. The governor shall appoint a
16 qualified replacement for the member within sixty days of notice.

17 ~~((+5))~~ (3) Before making any appointments to the building code
18 council, the governor shall seek nominations from recognized
19 organizations which represent the entities or interests identified in
20 this section. The governor shall select appointees to represent
21 private sector industries from a list of three nominations provided
22 by the trade associations representing the industry, unless no names
23 are put forth by the trade associations.

24 ~~((+6))~~ (4) Members shall not be compensated but shall receive
25 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050
26 and 43.03.060.

27 ~~((+7))~~ (5) For purposes of this section, a "professional
28 organization" includes an entity whose members are engaged in a
29 particular lawful vocation, occupation, or field of activity of a
30 specialized nature, including but not limited to associations,
31 boards, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

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