

SHB 2612 - H AMD 1057

By Representative Taylor

1 On page 5, line 19, after "(1)" strike all material through
2 "lines" on line 24 and insert "Upon a finding of a violation of
3 section 3 of this act, the court shall notify the highest ranking
4 elected official of the government subdivision subject to the lawsuit
5 directing the appointment of a redistricting commission to redraw the
6 lines of the district in question with direction regarding the legal
7 error that needs to be corrected through the redistricting process. A
8 five member commission must be appointed as follows:

9 (a) Within ten days notice by the elected official, each leader of
10 the two largest political parties in the county shall appoint one
11 registered voter who resides within the challenged district and one
12 registered voter who resides outside the challenged district to serve
13 as voting members of the commission.

14 (b) The four appointed members, by an affirmative vote of at least
15 three, shall appoint a nonvoting fifth member who shall act as the
16 commission's chairperson. If the voting members fail to elect a
17 chairperson within five days, the court shall appoint a nonvoting
18 fifth member to act as chairperson. A vacancy on the commission shall
19 be filled by the same party who made the original appointment within
20 10 days after the vacancy occurs.

21 (c) Persons eligible to serve are subject to the provisions in RCW
22 44.05.050 and 44.05.060.

23 (d) The commission may employ the services of experts,
24 consultants, and support staff, including attorneys not employed by
25 the attorney general, as necessary to carry out its duties pursuant to
26 this section.

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1 (e) Within three months of convening, and after holding public
2 hearings, the commission must propose a redistricting plan. The plan
3 shall be submitted to the government entity with the authority to
4 change the configuration of the district. The plan must be scheduled
5 for public hearing and final adoption within thirty days. If no plan
6 is adopted, the plan reverts to the court and the court shall create a
7 district within thirty days.

8 (f) The commission is subject to the open public meetings act,
9 chapter 42.30 RCW, and the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW.

10 (g) After the plan takes effect, any registered voter impacted by
11 the change in the district may file a petition with the supreme court
12 challenging the plan. The court may consolidate any or all petitions
13 and shall give such petitions precedence over all other matters"

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15 On page 5, line 26, after "the" insert "redistricting commission
16 or the"

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18 On page 5, line 30, after "the" insert "redistricting commission
19 or the"

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21 On page 5, line 37, after "the" insert "redistricting commission
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EFFECT: Strikes the provision that authorized the court to tailor a remedy or direct the affected jurisdiction to draw or redraw boundaries or appoint an individual or panel to draw or redraw boundaries. Requires, instead, that the court direct the highest ranking elected official of the government subdivision to appoint a redistricting commission to redraw the district lines.

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