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1 AN ACT Relating to the board of industrial insurance appeals; and
2 amending RCW 51.52.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.52.010 and 1981 c 338 s 10 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There shall be a "board of industrial insurance appeals,"
7 hereinafter called the "board," consisting of three members appointed
8 by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, as
9 hereinafter provided. One shall be a representative of the public and
10 a lawyer, appointed from a mutually agreed to list of not less than
11 three active members of the Washington state bar association, submitted
12 to the governor by the two organizations defined below, and such member
13 shall be the chairperson of said board. The second member shall be a
14 representative of the majority of workers engaged in employment under
15 this title and selected from a list of not less than three names

1 submitted to the governor by an organization, state-wide in scope,
2 which through its affiliates embraces a cross section and a majority of
3 the organized labor of the state. The third member shall be a
4 representative of employers under this title, and appointed from a list
5 of at least three names submitted to the governor by a recognized
6 state-wide organization of employers, representing a majority of
7 employers. The initial terms of office of the members of the board
8 shall be for six, four, and two years respectively. Thereafter all
9 terms shall be for a period of six years. Each member of the board
10 shall be eligible for reappointment and shall hold office until his or
11 her successor is appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy
12 the governor is authorized to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired
13 term of his or her predecessor. All appointments to the board shall be
14 made in conformity with the foregoing plan. Whenever the workload of
15 the board and its orderly and expeditious disposition shall
16 necessitate, the governor may appoint two additional pro-tem members in
17 addition to the regular members. Such appointments shall be for a
18 definite period of time, and shall be made from lists submitted
19 respectively by labor and industry as in the case of regular members.
20 One pro-tem member shall be a representative of labor and one shall be
21 a representative of industry. Members shall devote their entire time
22 to the duties of the board and shall receive for their services a
23 salary as fixed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of
24 RCW 43.03.040 which shall be in addition to travel expenses in
25 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or
26 hereafter amended. Headquarters for the board shall be located in
27 Olympia. The board shall establish fully staffed regional offices in
28 each region of the state in Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma. For purposes
29 of this provision, there shall be a Seattle region, a Spokane region,
30 and a Tacoma region. The Seattle region shall include Island, King,

1 San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties. The Spokane region
2 shall include Adams, Asotin, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane,
3 Stevens, and Whitman counties. The Tacoma region shall include
4 Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Pierce counties. Each industrial
5 appeals judge assigned to hold hearings in cases originating in each
6 region of the state that requires a fully staffed regional office shall
7 have that regional office as his or her official station. The board
8 shall adopt a seal which shall be judicially recognized.