
HOUSE BILL 2033

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By Representatives Moyer, Sprenkle, D. Sommers and Paris.

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1 AN ACT Relating to a nonvoting physician assistant member of the
2 medical disciplinary board; and amending RCW 18.72.040 and 18.72.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.72.040 and 1986 c 300 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There is hereby created the "Washington state medical disciplinary
7 board," which shall be composed of one holder of a valid license to
8 practice medicine and surgery from each congressional district now
9 existing or hereafter created in the state ((and)) three members of
10 the public who meet the qualifications contained in RCW 70.39.020(2)
11 and one nonvoting member who is a physician assistant authorized to
12 practice under chapter 18.71A RCW. The public members and the
13 physician assistant member shall be appointed by the governor. The
14 public members' term shall be for four years. In order to achieve
15 staggered terms, the public member serving on the board on June 11,

1 1986, shall continue to serve until October 1, 1987. The remaining two
2 public members shall be appointed to initial terms of three years and
3 four years, respectively.

4 The board shall be an administrative agency of the state of
5 Washington. The attorney general shall be the advisor of the board and
6 shall represent it in all legal proceedings.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.72.050 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 30 s 3 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 Members of the board, except the public member and the physician
10 assistant member, shall be elected by secret mail ballot by the holders
11 of licenses to practice medicine and surgery residing in each
12 congressional district, now or hereafter existing in the state, and
13 shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.
14 Members from even-numbered congressional districts shall be elected in
15 even-numbered years and members from odd-numbered congressional
16 districts shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The board shall not
17 be deemed unlawfully constituted and a member of the board shall not be
18 deemed ineligible to serve the remainder of the member's unexpired term
19 on the board solely by reason of the establishment of new or revised
20 boundaries for congressional districts.