
SENATE BILL 5701

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By Senator McCaslin.

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1 AN ACT Relating to representation on the redistricting commission;
2 and amending RCW 44.05.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.030 and 1984 c 13 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A redistricting commission shall be established in January of each
7 year ending in one to accomplish state legislative and congressional
8 redistricting. The five-member commission shall be appointed as
9 follows:

10 (1) Each legislative leader of the two largest political parties in
11 each house of the legislature shall appoint one voting member to the
12 commission by January 15th of each year ending in one.

13 (2) The four legislators appointing commission members pursuant to
14 this section shall certify their appointments to the chief election
15 officer. If an appointing legislator does not certify an appointment

1 by January 15th of each year ending in one, within five days the
2 supreme court shall certify an appointment to the chief election
3 officer.

4 (3) No later than January 31st of the year of their selection, the
5 four appointed members, by an affirmative vote of at least three, shall
6 appoint and certify to the chief election officer the nonvoting fifth
7 member who shall act as the commission's chairperson. At least two
8 members of the commission shall reside east of the crest of the Cascade
9 mountain range. If by January 31st of the year of their selection
10 three of the four voting members fail to elect a chairperson, the
11 supreme court shall within five days certify an appointment to the
12 chief election officer. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by
13 the person who made the initial appointment, or their successor, within
14 fifteen days after the vacancy occurs.