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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.315.030 and 1990 c 33 s 294 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
10 contrary, ~~((those persons who were county committee members and
11 registered to vote as of July 28, 1985, shall constitute the regional
12 committee of the educational service district within which they are
13 registered to vote until the election of the initial regional committee
14 pursuant to this section. The initial election of members of each
15 regional committee shall be by those persons who were county committee
16 members registered to vote within the educational service district as
17 of July 28, 1985. Only persons who were county committee members and
18 so registered to vote as of July 28, 1985, shall be eligible for
19 membership on an initial regional committee, and only those persons who
20 are eligible for such membership and are in attendance at a meeting
21 held for the purpose of the election shall be entitled to cast a vote.
22 The meeting shall be held at a time and place designated and announced
23 by the educational service district superintendent, but no later than
24 the thirtieth day after July 28, 1985. The educational service
25 district superintendent shall preside over the meeting. Nominations
26 shall be from the floor and shall be for position numbers assigned by
27 the educational service district superintendent for the purpose of the
28 initial election and all subsequent elections held pursuant to RCW
29 28A.315.060.)) the term of office of each regional committee member and
30 position shall expire as of the second Monday of January 1995. Each
31 regional committee member position shall therefore be open for election
32 purposes in 1994. Members of each ((initial)) regional committee shall
33 be elected by majority vote and shall serve for the staggered terms of
34 office set forth in RCW ((28A.315.060)) 28A.315.080 and until their
35 successors are certified as elected pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060.
36 Regional committee member position numbers shall be assigned by the~~

1 educational service district superintendent for purposes of all
2 elections held pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.315.060 and 1990 c 33 s 295 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The members of each regional committee shall be elected in the
6 following manner:

7 (1) On or before the 25th day of September, (~~(1986)~~) 1994, and not
8 later than the 25th day of September of every subsequent even-numbered
9 year, each superintendent of an educational service district shall call
10 an election to be held in each educational service district within
11 which resides a member of a regional committee whose term of office
12 expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give
13 written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each
14 school district in the educational service district. Such notice shall
15 include instructions, and the rules and regulations established by the
16 state board of education for the conduct of the election. The state
17 board of education is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to
18 chapter 34.05 RCW which establish standards and procedures which the
19 state board deems necessary to conduct elections pursuant to this
20 section; to conduct run-off elections in the event an election for a
21 position is indecisive; and to decide run-off elections which result in
22 tie votes, in a fair and orderly manner.

23 (2) Candidates for membership on a regional committee shall file a
24 declaration of candidacy with the superintendent of the educational
25 service district wherein they reside. Declarations of candidacy may be
26 filed by person or by mail not earlier than the 1st day of October, and
27 not later than the 15th day of October of each even-numbered year. The
28 superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not
29 on file in his or her office or not postmarked before the 16th day of
30 October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if
31 received by mail after the 20th day of October of each even-numbered
32 year.

33 (3) Each member of the regional committee shall be elected by a
34 majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position by the
35 members of the boards of directors of school districts in the
36 educational service district. All votes shall be cast by mail ballot
37 addressed to the superintendent of the educational service district
38 wherein the school director resides. No votes shall be accepted for

1 counting if postmarked after the 16th day of November or if not
2 postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after
3 the 21st day of November of each even-numbered year. An election board
4 comprised of three persons appointed by the board of the educational
5 service district shall count and tally the votes not later than the
6 25th day of November or the next business day if the 25th falls on a
7 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday of each even-numbered year. Each
8 vote cast by a school director shall be recorded as one vote. Within
9 ten days following the count of votes, the educational service district
10 superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public
11 instruction the name or names of the person(s) elected to be members of
12 the regional committee.

13 (4) In the event of a change in the number of educational service
14 districts or in the number of educational service district board
15 members pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW a new regional committee shall
16 be elected for each affected educational service district at the next
17 (~~annual~~) election conducted pursuant to this section. Those persons
18 who were serving on a regional committee within an educational service
19 district affected by a change in the number of districts or board
20 members shall continue to constitute the regional committee for the
21 educational service district within which they are registered to vote
22 until the majority of a new board has been elected and certified.

23 (5) No member of a regional committee shall continue to serve
24 thereon if he or she ceases to be a registered voter of the educational
25 service district board member district or if he or she is absent from
26 three consecutive meetings of the committee without an excuse
27 acceptable to the committee.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.315.080 and 1990 c 33 s 296 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 The terms of members of the regional committees shall be for
31 (~~five~~) four years and until their successors are certified as
32 elected. (~~As nearly as possible one-fifth of the members shall be~~
33 ~~elected annually.~~) For the (~~initial~~) 1994 election conducted
34 pursuant to RCW 28A.315.030 and the election of a new regional
35 committee following a change in the number of educational service
36 districts or board members, regional committee member positions one
37 (~~and six~~), three, five, seven, and nine shall be for a term of
38 (~~five~~) two years, positions two (~~and seven~~), four, six, and eight

1 shall be for a term of four years(~~(, positions three and eight shall be~~
2 ~~for a term of three years, positions four and nine shall be for a term~~
3 ~~of two years, and position five shall be for a term of one year))).~~

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect September 1,
5 1994."

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9 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "members;" strike the
10 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.315.030,
11 28A.315.060, and 28A.315.080; and providing an effective date."

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