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1 AN ACT Relating to the public disclosure commission; and amending  
2 RCW 42.17.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.350 and 1984 c 287 s 74 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby established a "public disclosure commission"  
7 which shall be composed of five members ((who shall be)) appointed by  
8 the governor, with the consent of the senate, and one member selected  
9 by lot from each congressional district in the state.

10 (2) The following apply to members appointed by the governor: All  
11 appointees shall be persons of the highest integrity and  
12 qualifications. No more than three members shall have an  
13 identification with the same political party. The original members  
14 shall be appointed within sixty days after January 1, 1973. The term  
15 of each member shall be five years except that the original five  
16 members shall serve initial terms of one, two, three, four, and five  
17 years, respectively, as designated by the governor.

18 (3) The following apply to the remaining members of the commission:  
19 From each congressional district in the state, the secretary of state

1 shall select one person for appointment as a member of the commission.  
2 The selection shall be made by lot from the names of those registered  
3 voters eligible to vote at the general election held in November 1992,  
4 and thereafter from among those registered voters eligible to vote at  
5 the time of the selection. The secretary shall establish policies and  
6 procedures for conducting the selection by lot. The policies and  
7 procedures shall include, but not be limited to, those for notifying  
8 persons selected, for providing a new selection from a congressional  
9 district if a person selected from the district declines appointment to  
10 the commission, and for filling vacancies in positions on the  
11 commission which are filled by selections made by lot. The secretary  
12 shall forward to the governor the names of persons selected in this  
13 manner and the governor shall appoint the persons as members of the  
14 commission.

15 (4) No member of the commission, during his or her tenure, shall  
16 ~~((+1))~~: Hold or campaign for elective office; ((+2)) be an officer  
17 of any political party or political committee; ((+3)) permit his or  
18 her name to be used, or make contributions, in support of or in  
19 opposition to any candidate or proposition; ((+4)) participate in any  
20 way in any election campaign; or ((+5)) lobby or employ or assist a  
21 lobbyist: PROVIDED, That a member or the staff of the commission may  
22 lobby to the limited extent permitted by RCW 42.17.190 on matters  
23 directly affecting this chapter. No member shall be eligible for  
24 appointment to more than one full term. ((A vacancy on the commission  
25 shall be filled within thirty days of the vacancy by the governor, with  
26 the consent of the senate, and the appointee))

27 (5) For a vacancy in any position on the commission, a successor  
28 shall be selected and appointed to fill the unexpired term. The  
29 selection and appointment shall be concluded within thirty days of the  
30 date the position becomes vacant and shall be conducted in the same  
31 manner as originally provided for the member whose position was  
32 vacated. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve for the  
33 remaining term of his or her predecessor. A vacancy shall not impair  
34 the powers of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of  
35 the commission. ((Three))

36 (6) A majority of the members ((of)) serving on the commission  
37 shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall elect its own chairman  
38 and adopt its own rules of procedure in the manner provided in chapter  
39 34.05 RCW. Any member of the commission may be removed by the

1 governor, but only upon grounds of neglect of duty or misconduct in  
2 office or for a disqualifying change of residence.

3 Members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and  
4 in addition shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while  
5 engaged in the business of the commission as provided in RCW 43.03.050  
6 and 43.03.060. The compensation provided pursuant to this section  
7 shall not be considered salary for purposes of the provisions of any  
8 retirement system created pursuant to the general laws of this state.

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