

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6296**

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate January 14, 2002  
YEAS 48 NAYS 1

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House January 16, 2002  
YEAS 93 NAYS 3

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6296** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Snyder, West, Horn, Carlson and T. Sheldon; by request of Attorney General and Redistricting Commission

READ FIRST TIME 01/14/02. UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES, READ SECOND AND THIRD TIMES AND PASSED.

1       AN ACT Relating to the timeline for submission of a redistricting  
2 plan by the redistricting commission; amending RCW 44.05.100; creating  
3 a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.100 and 1995 c 88 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       (1) Upon approval of a redistricting plan by three of the voting  
8 members of the commission, but not later than (~~December 15th~~) January  
9 1st of the year ending in (~~one~~) two, the commission shall submit the  
10 plan to the legislature.

11       (2) After submission of the plan by the commission, the legislature  
12 shall have the next thirty days during any regular or special session  
13 to amend the commission's plan. If the legislature amends the  
14 commission's plan the legislature's amendment must be approved by an  
15 affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or  
16 appointed thereto, and may not include more than two percent of the  
17 population of any legislative or congressional district.

18       (3) The plan approved by the commission, with any amendment  
19 approved by the legislature, shall be final upon approval of such

1 amendment or after expiration of the time provided for legislative  
2 amendment by subsection (2) of this section whichever occurs first, and  
3 shall constitute the districting law applicable to this state for  
4 legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the next  
5 elections held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in force  
6 until the effective date of the plan based upon the next succeeding  
7 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
8 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

9 (4) If three of the voting members of the commission fail to  
10 approve and submit a plan within the time limitations provided in  
11 subsection (1) of this section, the supreme court shall adopt a plan by  
12 March 1st of the year ending in two. Any such plan approved by the  
13 court is final and constitutes the districting law applicable to this  
14 state for legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the  
15 next election held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in  
16 force until the effective date of the plan based on the next succeeding  
17 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
18 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is remedial and curative in nature  
20 and applies retroactively to any plan or portion of a plan submitted to  
21 the legislature by the redistricting commission established in 2001.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
25 immediately.

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