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HOUSE BILL 2551

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By Representatives Schoesler, Sump, Cox, Kristiansen, Newhouse, Holmquist, Pearson, Buck, McIntire and Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state parks and recreation commission;  
2 amending RCW 79A.05.015; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.015 and 1999 c 249 s 201 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created a "state parks and recreation  
7 commission" consisting of, except as provided in this section, seven  
8 citizens of the state.

9 ~~((The))~~ (2)(a) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall be  
10 appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the  
11 senate and shall serve for a term of six years, expiring on December  
12 31st of even-numbered years, and until their successors are appointed  
13 unless there are more than seven members on the commission. In case of  
14 a vacancy for a nonlegislative member, the governor shall fill the  
15 vacancy for the unexpired term of the commissioner whose office has  
16 become vacant but only if the vacancy results in fewer than three  
17 nonlegislative members.

18 (b) In making ~~((the))~~ appointments to the commission, the governor  
19 shall choose citizens who understand park and recreation needs and

1 interests. No person (~~shall~~) may serve if he or she holds any  
2 elective or full-time appointive (~~state~~) county(~~or~~) or municipal  
3 office.

4 (c) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall be compensated  
5 in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and in addition shall be allowed their  
6 travel expenses incurred while absent from their usual places of  
7 residence in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

8 (3)(a) Beginning January 1, 2005, there shall be four legislative  
9 members of the commission. Two legislative members shall be senators,  
10 one each selected by each of the major caucuses. Two legislative  
11 members shall be members of the house of representatives, one each  
12 selected by each of the major caucuses. The senate members of the  
13 commission shall serve terms of four years. The house of  
14 representatives members of the commission shall serve terms of two  
15 years. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original  
16 appointment.

17 (b) In making appointments to the commission, the caucuses shall  
18 select legislative members who understand park and recreation needs and  
19 interests. No person may serve if he or she holds any elective or  
20 full-time appointive county or municipal office.

21 (c) Legislative members of the commission shall be compensated in  
22 accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

23 (4) Payment of expenses pertaining to the operation of the  
24 commission shall be made upon vouchers certified to by such persons as  
25 shall be designated by the commission.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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