
SENATE BILL 5987

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By Senator Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to changing membership on the electrical board; and
2 amending RCW 19.28.311.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.311 and 2000 c 238 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There is hereby created an electrical board, consisting of
7 (~~fourteen~~) fifteen members to be appointed by the governor with the
8 advice of the director of labor and industries as herein provided. It
9 shall be the purpose and function of the board to advise the director
10 on all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this chapter including,
11 but not limited to standards of electrical and telecommunications
12 installation, minimum inspection procedures, and the adoption of rules
13 pertaining to the electrical inspection division: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
14 That no rules shall be amended or repealed until the electrical board
15 has first had an opportunity to consider any proposed amendments or
16 repeals and had an opportunity to make recommendations to the director
17 relative thereto. The members of the electrical board shall be
18 selected and appointed as follows: One member shall be an employee or
19 officer of a corporation or public agency generating or distributing

1 electric power; one member must be an employee or officer of a
2 facilities-based telecommunications service provider regulated by the
3 Washington state utilities and transportation commission; three members
4 shall be licensed electrical contractors: PROVIDED, That one of these
5 members may be a representative of a trade association in the
6 electrical industry; one member shall be a licensed telecommunications
7 contractor; one member shall be an employee, or officer, or
8 representative of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of
9 manufacturing or distributing electrical and telecommunications
10 materials, equipment, or devices; one member shall be a person with
11 knowledge of the electrical industry, not related to the electrical
12 industry, to represent the public; three members shall be certified
13 electricians; one member shall be a telecommunications worker; one
14 member shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer qualified
15 to do business in the state of Washington and designated as a
16 registered communications distribution designer; one member shall be a
17 certified electrician who is a representative of an industrial
18 manufacturer that employs plant electricians; and one nonvoting member
19 must be a building official from an incorporated city or town with an
20 electrical inspection program established under RCW 19.28.141. The
21 regular term of each member shall be four years: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
22 The original board shall be appointed on June 9, 1988, for the
23 following terms: The first term of the member representing a
24 corporation or public agency generating or distributing electric power
25 shall serve four years; two members representing licensed electrical
26 contractors shall serve three years; the member representing a
27 manufacturer or distributor of electrical equipment or devices shall
28 serve three years; the member representing the public and one member
29 representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve two years; the
30 three members selected as certified electricians shall serve for terms
31 of one, two, and three years, respectively; the member selected as the
32 licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve for one year. In
33 appointing the original board, the governor shall give due
34 consideration to the value of continuity in membership from predecessor
35 boards. Thereafter, the governor shall appoint or reappoint board
36 members for terms of four years and to fill vacancies created by the
37 completion of the terms of the original members. When new positions
38 are created, the governor may appoint the initial members to the new

1 positions to staggered terms of one to three years. The governor shall
2 also fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the
3 unexpired term of such members by appointing their successors from the
4 same business classification. The same procedure shall be followed in
5 making such subsequent appointments as is provided for the original
6 appointments. The board, at this first meeting shall elect one of its
7 members to serve as chairman. Any person acting as the chief
8 electrical inspector shall serve as secretary of the board during his
9 or her tenure as chief state inspector. Meetings of the board shall be
10 held at least quarterly in accordance with a schedule established by
11 the board. Each member of the board shall receive compensation in
12 accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel
13 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 which shall be
14 paid out of the electrical license fund, upon vouchers approved by the
15 director of labor and industries.

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