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By Senators Roach, Benton, Morton, Stevens, Delvin and Swecker

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1            AN ACT Relating to state board of education membership; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28A.305 RCW; and repealing RCW 28A.305.011 and  
3 28A.305.021.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            The state board of education shall be comprised of two nonpartisan  
8 members from each congressional district of the state, not including  
9 any congressional district at large, elected by the voters of each  
10 congressional district in the state.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13           (1) If any new and additional congressional district is created,  
14 except a congressional district at large, two persons shall be elected  
15 at the next general election at which state board of education members  
16 are elected to serve as members of the state board of education. At  
17 the first such election one member of the state board of education  
18 shall be elected for a term of four years.

1 (2) The terms of office of members of the state board of education  
2 who are elected from the various congressional districts shall not be  
3 affected by the creation of either new or new and additional districts.  
4 In such an event, each board member may continue to serve in office for  
5 the balance of the term for which he or she was elected or appointed:  
6 PROVIDED, That the board member continues to reside within the  
7 boundaries of the congressional district as they existed at the time of  
8 his or her election or appointment. Vacancies that occur in a board  
9 member position during the balance of any such term shall be filled  
10 under section 3 of this act by a successor who resides within the  
11 boundaries of the congressional district from which the member whose  
12 office was vacated was elected as they existed at the time of his or  
13 her election. At the election immediately preceding expiration of the  
14 term of office of each board member provided for in this subsection  
15 following the creation of either new or new and additional  
16 congressional districts, and thereafter, a successor shall be elected  
17 from the congressional district that corresponds in number with the  
18 congressional district from which the incumbent was appointed or  
19 elected.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 If there is a vacancy upon the state board of education, from any  
23 cause whatever, it is the duty of the remaining members of the board to  
24 fill that vacancy by appointment, and the person appointed continues in  
25 office until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified.  
26 At the next general election following the date of the occurrence of  
27 the vacancy, a successor shall be elected to hold office for the  
28 unexpired term of the member whose office was vacated.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.305  
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 An election shall be held at the general election after the  
32 effective date of this section to elect members to the state board of  
33 education. Members shall take office on the second Monday of January  
34 following the election, on which date the terms of all members of the  
35 state board of education holding office on the effective date of this  
36 section shall expire. Of the initial members elected under this

1 section, members elected from even-numbered congressional districts  
2 shall serve four-year terms and members elected from odd-numbered  
3 congressional districts shall serve two-year terms. Newly elected  
4 members of the state board of education shall serve until their  
5 successors are elected and qualified. Members who are elected  
6 subsequently shall be elected to four-year terms of office and shall  
7 serve until their successors are elected and qualified and assume  
8 office in accordance with RCW 29A.20.040.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
10 repealed:

11 (1) RCW 28A.305.011 (Board membership--Terms--Compensation) and  
12 2006 c 263 s 105 & 2005 c 497 s 101; and

13 (2) RCW 28A.305.021 (Election of board members--Restrictions) and  
14 2005 c 497 s 102.

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