

(c) Upon a roadway where a center lane has been provided by distinctive pavement markings for the use of vehicles turning left from ~~((both directions))~~ either direction, no vehicles ~~((shall))~~ may turn left from any other lane. A vehicle shall not be driven in this center lane for the purpose of overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction. A signal, either electric or manual, for indicating a left turn movement, shall be made at least one hundred feet before the actual left turn movement is made. ~~((Any maneuver other than a left turn from or into this center lane will be deemed a violation of this section:))~~

(4) The ~~((state highway commission))~~ department of transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when ~~((such))~~ the devices are so placed no driver of a vehicle ~~((shall))~~ may turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by ~~((such))~~ the devices.

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CHAPTER 13

[Senate Bill No. 4304]

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION—CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT— MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS—REDISTRICTING PLAN BY COUNTIES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to reapportionment and redistricting; amending section 3, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.030; amending section 5, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.050; amending section 6, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.060; and amending section 27, chapter 2, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 15, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 29.70.100.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 3, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.030 are each amended to read as follows:

A redistricting commission shall be established in January of each year ending in one to accomplish state legislative and congressional redistricting. The five-member commission shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Each legislative leader of the two largest political parties in each house of the legislature shall appoint one voting member to the commission by January 15th of each year ending in one.

(2) The four legislators appointing commission members pursuant to this section shall certify their appointments to the chief election officer. If an appointing legislator does not certify an appointment by January 15th of

each year ending in one, within five days the supreme court shall certify an appointment to the chief election officer.

(3) No later than January 31st of the year of their selection, the four appointed members, by an affirmative vote of at least three, shall appoint and certify to the chief election officer the nonvoting fifth member who shall act as the commission's chairperson. If by January 31st of the year of their selection three of the four voting members fail to elect a chairperson, the supreme court shall within five days certify an appointment to the chief election officer. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the person who made the initial appointment, or their successor, within fifteen days after the vacancy occurs.

Sec. 2. Section 5, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.050 are each amended to read as follows:

No person may serve on the commission who:

- (1) Is not a registered voter of the state at the time of selection; or
- (2) Is or has within one year prior to selection been a registered lobbyist; or
- (3) Is or has within ~~((six))~~ two years prior to selection been an elected official or elected legislative district, county, or state party officer. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to the office of precinct committeeperson.

Sec. 3. Section 6, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 44.05.060 are each amended to read as follows:

No member of the commission may:

- (1) Campaign for elective office while a member of the commission;
- ~~((or))~~
- (2) Actively participate in or contribute to any political campaign of any candidate for state or federal elective office while a member of the commission; or
- (3) Hold or campaign for a seat in the state house of representatives, the state senate, or congress for two years after the effective date of the plan.

Sec. 4. Section 27, chapter 2, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 15, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 and RCW 29.70.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It is the responsibility of each county, municipal corporation, and special purpose district with a governing body comprised of internal director, council, or commissioner districts not based on statutorily required land ownership criteria to periodically redistrict its governmental unit, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) Within forty-five days after receipt of federal decennial census information applicable to a specific local area, the commission established in RCW 44.05.030 shall forward the census information to each municipal

corporation, county, and district charged with redistricting under this section.

(3) No later than eight months after its receipt of federal decennial census data, the governing body of the municipal corporation, county, or district shall prepare a plan for redistricting its internal or director districts.

(4) The plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:

(a) Each internal director, council, or commissioner district shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other ((~~internal director~~)) such district comprising the municipal corporation, county, or special purpose district.

(b) Each district shall be as compact as possible.

(c) Each district shall consist of geographically contiguous area.

(d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.

(e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, county, or district, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

(5) During the adoption of its plan, the municipal corporation, county, or district shall ensure that full and reasonable public notice of its actions is provided. The municipal corporation, county, or district shall hold at least one public hearing on the redistricting plan at least one week before adoption of the plan.

(6)(a) Any registered voter residing in an area affected by the ((~~municipal corporation's~~)) redistricting plan may request review of the adopted local plan by the superior court of the county in which he or she resides, within forty-five days of the plan's adoption. Any request for review must specify the reason or reasons alleged why the local plan is not consistent with the applicable redistricting criteria. The municipal corporation, county, or district may be joined as respondent. The superior court shall thereupon review the challenged plan for compliance with the applicable redistricting criteria set out in subsection (4) of this section.

(b) If the superior court finds the plan to be consistent with the requirements of this section, the plan shall take effect immediately.

(c) If the superior court determines the plan does not meet the requirements of this section, in whole or in part, it shall remand the plan for further or corrective action within a specified and reasonable time period.

(d) If the superior court finds that any request for review is frivolous or has been filed solely for purposes of harassment or delay, it may impose appropriate sanctions on the party requesting review, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs to the respondent municipal corporation, county, or district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 14

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3132]

MORTGAGES—FAILURE OF MORTGAGEE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SATISFACTION—DAMAGES AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEE TO MORTGAGOR

AN ACT Relating to mortgages; and amending section 2, page 117, Laws of 1886 and RCW 61.16.030.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, page 117, Laws of 1886 and RCW 61.16.030 are each amended to read as follows:

If the mortgagee (~~shall~~) fails (~~so to do~~) to acknowledge satisfaction of the mortgage as provided in RCW 61.16.020 sixty days from the date of such request or demand, he shall forfeit and pay to the mortgagor (~~the sum of twenty-five dollars~~) damages and a reasonable attorneys' fee, to be recovered in any court having competent jurisdiction, and said court, when convinced that said mortgage has been fully satisfied, shall issue an order in writing, directing the auditor to cancel said mortgage, and the auditor shall immediately record the order and cancel the mortgage as directed by the court, upon the margin of the page upon which the mortgage is recorded, making reference thereupon to the order of the court and to the page where the order is recorded.

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CHAPTER 15

[Senate Bill No. 4341]

SPECIAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE—MINIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES—REQUIREMENT REMOVED

AN ACT Relating to special district employee group insurance; and amending section 8, chapter 245, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.04.050.