

INITIATIVE 772

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 772 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to election of members of the state legislature;
2 amending RCW 44.05.090, 29.15.130, and 79A.05.510; adding a new section
3 to chapter 29.30 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.090 and 1990 c 126 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In the redistricting plan:

8 (1) (~~Districts shall~~) There shall be thirty-three representative
9 districts, and eleven senatorial districts. Each senatorial district
10 must consist of three adjacent representative districts. Districts of
11 each type must have a population as nearly equal as is practicable,
12 excluding nonresident military personnel, based on the population
13 reported in the federal decennial census.

14 (2) To the extent consistent with subsection (1) of this section
15 the commission plan should, insofar as practical, accomplish the
16 following:

17 (a) District lines should be drawn so as to coincide with the
18 boundaries of local political subdivisions and areas recognized as

1 communities of interest. The number of counties and municipalities
2 divided among more than one district should be as small as possible;

3 (b) Districts should be composed of convenient, contiguous, and
4 compact territory. Land areas may be deemed contiguous if they share
5 a common land border or are connected by a ferry, highway, bridge, or
6 tunnel. Areas separated by geographical boundaries or artificial
7 barriers that prevent transportation within a district should not be
8 deemed contiguous; and

9 (c) Whenever practicable, a precinct shall be wholly within a
10 single legislative district.

11 (3) The commission's plan and any plan adopted by the supreme court
12 under RCW 44.05.100(4) shall provide for forty-nine legislative
13 districts.

14 (4) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~((ninety-eight))~~
15 ninety-nine members, ~~((two))~~ three of whom shall be elected from and
16 run at large within each ~~((legislative))~~ representative district. The
17 senate shall consist of ~~((forty-nine))~~ thirty-three members, ~~((one))~~
18 three of whom shall be elected from and run at large within each
19 ~~((legislative))~~ senatorial district.

20 (5) The commission shall exercise its powers to provide fair and
21 effective representation and to encourage electoral competition. The
22 commission's plan shall not be drawn purposely to favor or discriminate
23 against any political party or group.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.15.130 and 1990 c 59 s 79 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 Not less than thirty days before the first day for filing
27 declarations of candidacy under RCW 29.15.020 for ~~((legislative,))~~
28 judicial, county, city, town, or district office, where more than one
29 position with the same name, district number, or title will be voted
30 upon at the succeeding election, the filing officer shall designate the
31 positions to be filled by number.

32 The positions so designated shall be dealt with as separate offices
33 for all election purposes. With the exception of the office of justice
34 of the supreme court, the position numbers shall be assigned, whenever
35 possible, to reflect the position numbers that were used to designate
36 the same positions at the last full-term election for those offices.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29.30 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The election of state legislators will occur in the following
4 manner:

5 (1) In the primary, all candidates for each office from each
6 particular district will appear on the ballot together and not be
7 designated by position. Each voter shall select three candidates for
8 each office from the ballot. The six candidates receiving the most
9 votes will proceed to the general election.

10 (2) In the general election, the six candidates for each particular
11 office qualifying in the primary election will appear on the ballot
12 together and not be separated by position. Each voter shall select
13 three candidates for each office from the ballot. The three candidates
14 receiving the most votes will be declared elected, and each assigned by
15 lot to one of the three legislative seats representing the particular
16 district.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 79A.05.510 and 1975 c 7 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 Composition of the corps shall consist of youths who are citizens
20 of the United States and residents of the state of Washington of good
21 character and health, and who are not more than twenty-one years of
22 age. In order to enroll, an individual must agree to comply with rules
23 and regulations promulgated by the commission. The period of
24 enrollment shall be for thirty, sixty or ninety days or for such
25 shorter period as determined by the commission. If permitted by the
26 commission an individual may reenroll. Enrollment shall basically be
27 allocated on a percentage basis to each of the ((~~forty-nine~~
28 ~~legislative~~)) state representative districts on the basis of the ratio
29 that the population of each district bears to the total population of
30 the state of Washington, but the commission may also take into account
31 problems of substantial unemployment in certain areas.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act first applies to the primary and
33 the general election held in 2002, and to each primary and general
34 election for members of the state legislature thereafter.

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