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By Representative Taylor

1 Beginning on page 4, line 35 of the amendment, after "(1)" strike  
2 all material through "lines" on page 5, line 3 and insert "Upon a  
3 finding of a violation of section 3 of this act, the court shall notify  
4 the highest ranking elected official of the government subdivision  
5 subject to the lawsuit directing the appointment of a redistricting  
6 commission to redraw the lines of the district in question with  
7 direction regarding the legal error that needs to be corrected through  
8 the redistricting process. A five member commission must be appointed  
9 as follows:

10 (a) Within ten days' notice by the elected official, each leader of  
11 the two largest political parties in the county shall appoint one  
12 registered voter who resides within the challenged district and one  
13 registered voter who resides outside the challenged district to serve  
14 as voting members of the commission.

15 (b) The four appointed members, by an affirmative vote of at least  
16 three, shall appoint a nonvoting fifth member who shall act as the  
17 commission's chairperson. If the voting members fail to elect a  
18 chairperson within five days, the court shall appoint a nonvoting fifth  
19 member to act as chairperson. A vacancy on the commission shall be  
20 filled by the same party who made the original appointment within ten  
21 days after the vacancy occurs.

22 (c) Persons eligible to serve are subject to the provisions in RCW  
23 44.05.050 and 44.05.060.

24 (d) The commission may employ the services of experts, consultants,  
25 and support staff, including attorneys not employed by the attorney  
26 general, as necessary to carry out its duties pursuant to this section.

27 (e) Within three months of convening, and after holding public  
28 hearings, the commission must propose a redistricting plan. The plan  
29 shall be submitted to the government entity with the authority to  
30 change the configuration of the district. The plan must be scheduled

1 for public hearing and final adoption within thirty days. If no plan  
2 is adopted, the plan reverts to the court and the court shall create a  
3 district within thirty days.

4 (f) The commission is subject to the open public meetings act,  
5 chapter 42.30 RCW, and the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW.

6 (g) After the plan takes effect, any registered voter impacted by  
7 the change in the district may file a petition with the supreme court  
8 challenging the plan. The court may consolidate any or all petitions  
9 and shall give such petitions precedence over all other matters"

10 On page 5, line 5 of the amendment, after "the" insert  
11 "redistricting commission or the"

12 On page 5, line 9 of the amendment, after "the" insert  
13 "redistricting commission or the"

14 On page 5, line 16 of the amendment, after "the" insert  
15 "redistricting commission or the"

EFFECT: Strikes the provision that authorized the court to tailor  
a remedy or direct the affected jurisdiction to draw or redraw  
boundaries or appoint an individual or panel to draw or redraw  
boundaries. Requires, instead, that the court direct the highest  
ranking elected official of the government subdivision to appoint a  
redistricting commission to redraw the district lines.

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