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By Senators Oke, Haugen, McCaslin and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to special purpose district elections; and amending
2 RCW 29.21.015, 36.69.090, 68.52.140, and 68.52.155.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.21.015 and 1990 c 59 s 90 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No primary may be held for any single position in any city,
7 town, or district, as required by RCW 29.21.010, if, after the last day
8 allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two
9 candidates filed for the position. The county auditor shall, as soon
10 as possible, notify all the candidates so affected that the office for
11 which they filed will not appear on the primary ballot.

12 (2) No primary may be held for the office of commissioner of a park
13 and recreation district or for the office of cemetery district
14 commissioner.

15 (3) Names of candidates (~~so notified~~) for offices that do not
16 appear on the primary ballot shall be printed upon the general election
17 ballot in the manner specified by RCW 29.30.025.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.69.090 and 1994 c 223 s 45 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 A park and recreation district shall be governed by a board of five
4 commissioners. Except for the initial commissioners, all commissioners
5 shall be elected to staggered four-year terms of office and shall serve
6 until their successors are elected and qualified and assume office in
7 accordance with RCW 29.04.170. Candidates shall run for specific
8 commissioner positions.

9 Elections for park and recreation district commissioners shall be
10 held biennially in conjunction with the general election in each odd-
11 numbered year. Elections shall be held in accordance with the
12 provisions of Title 29 RCW dealing with general elections, except that
13 there shall be no primary to nominate candidates. All persons filing
14 and qualifying shall appear on the general election ballot and the
15 person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be
16 elected.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 68.52.140 and 1994 c 223 s 75 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The county legislative authority shall have full authority to hear
20 and determine the petition, and if it finds that the formation of the
21 district will be conducive to the public welfare and convenience, it
22 shall by resolution so declare, otherwise it shall deny the petition.
23 If the county legislative authority finds in favor of the formation of
24 the district, it shall designate the name and number of the district,
25 fix the boundaries thereof, and cause an election to be held therein
26 for the purpose of determining whether or not the district shall be
27 organized under the provisions of this chapter, and for the purpose of
28 electing its first cemetery district commissioners. At the same
29 election three cemetery district commissioners shall be elected, but
30 the election of the commissioners shall be null and void if the
31 district is not created. No primary shall be held for the office of
32 cemetery district commissioner. A special filing period shall be
33 opened as provided in RCW 29.15.170 and 29.15.180. Candidates shall
34 run for specific commissioner positions. The person receiving the
35 greatest number of votes for each commissioner position shall be
36 elected to that commissioner position. The terms of office of the
37 initial commissioners shall be as provided in RCW 68.52.220.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 68.52.155 and 1994 c 223 s 73 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Cemetery district elections shall conform with general election
4 laws, except that there shall be no primary to nominate candidates.
5 All persons filing and qualifying shall appear on the general election
6 ballot and the person receiving the largest number of votes for each
7 position shall be elected.

8 A vacancy on a board of cemetery district commissioners shall occur
9 and shall be filled as provided in chapter 42.12 RCW.

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