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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Doumit, D. Schmidt, Murray, Radcliff, Cody, Johnson, Thompson, Sheldon, Cooper, Costa, Hatfield, McMorris, Sullivan and Kessler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to compensation for public utility district
2 commissioners; and amending RCW 54.12.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.12.080 and 1985 c 330 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Commissioners of public utility districts are eligible to
7 receive salaries as follows:

8 (a) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
9 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of one thousand
10 three hundred dollars per month during a calendar year (~~((which shall~~
11 ~~depend upon the total gross revenue of the district from its~~
12 ~~distribution system and its generating system, if any, for))~~ if the
13 district received total gross revenue of over fifteen million dollars
14 during the fiscal year ending June 30th (~~((prior to such))~~) before the
15 calendar year(~~(, based upon the following schedule:~~

2 ~~OVER \$15 million \$500 per month~~

3 ~~\$2 to 15 million \$350 per month))~~. However, the

4 board of commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a
 5 resolution increasing the rate of salary up to any specific dollar
 6 amount.

7 (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
 8 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of nine hundred
 9 dollars per month during a calendar year if the district received total
 10 gross revenue of from two million dollars to fifteen million dollars
 11 during the fiscal year ending June 30th before the calendar year.
 12 However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district
 13 may pass a resolution increasing the rate of salary up to any specific
 14 dollar amount.

15 (c) Commissioners of other districts shall serve without salary
 16 ((unless the district provides by)). However, the board of
 17 commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a resolution
 18 providing ((for the payment thereof, which however shall not exceed two
 19 hundred dollars per month for each commissioner)) salaries of any
 20 specific dollar amount.

21 (2) In addition to salary, all districts may provide by resolution
 22 for the payment of per diem compensation to each commissioner at a rate
 23 not exceeding fifty dollars for each day or major part thereof devoted
 24 to the business of the district, and days upon which ((he)) the
 25 commissioner attends meetings of the commission of ((his)) the district
 26 or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more
 27 districts called to consider business common to them, but such
 28 compensation paid during any one year to a commissioner shall not
 29 exceed seven thousand dollars. Per diem compensation shall not be paid
 30 for services of a ministerial or professional nature.

31 ((+2)) (3) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or
 32 her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
 33 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
 34 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
 35 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
 36 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
 37 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

38 ((+3)) (4) Each district commissioner shall be reimbursed for
 39 reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business

1 and meetings, including his subsistence and lodging and travel while
2 away from his place of residence.

3 (~~(4)~~) (5) Any district providing group insurance for its
4 employees, covering them, their immediate family and dependents, may
5 provide insurance for its commissioner with the same coverage.

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