
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5401

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Sellar, Snyder and Haugen)

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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 dollars per month during a calendar year (~~((which shall depend upon the~~
11 ~~total gross revenue of the district from its distribution system and~~
12 ~~its generating system, if any, for))~~ if the district received total
13 gross revenue of over fifteen million dollars during the fiscal year
14 ending June 30th (~~((prior to such))~~) before the calendar year(~~(, based~~
15 ~~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 thirteen hundred dollars
6 per month.

7 (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
8 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of seven 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 nine hundred
14 dollars per month.

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)) salaries not
19 ((exceed two)) exceeding four hundred dollars per month for each
20 commissioner.

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 attends
25 meetings of the commission of his district or meetings attended by one
26 or more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider
27 business common to them, but such compensation paid during any one year
28 to a commissioner shall not exceed seven thousand dollars. Per diem
29 compensation shall not be paid for services of a ministerial or
30 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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