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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5684**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen and Wood)

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1       AN ACT Relating to prescribing procedures for decreasing fire  
2 protection district commissioners; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 52.14 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 52.14 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       Except as provided in RCW 52.14.020, in the event a five-member  
8 board of commissioners of any fire protection district determines by  
9 resolution that it would be in the best interest of the fire district  
10 to decrease the number of commissioners from five to three, or in the  
11 event the board is presented with a petition signed by ten percent of  
12 the registered voters resident within the district who voted in the  
13 last general municipal election calling for such a decrease in the  
14 number of commissioners of the district, the board shall submit a  
15 resolution to the county legislative authority or authorities of the  
16 county or counties in which the district is located requesting that an  
17 election be held. Upon receipt of the resolution, the legislative  
18 authority or authorities of the county or counties shall call a special  
19 election to be held within the fire protection district at which

