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By Senators Benton, Bauer, Finkbeiner, Heavey, Sellar, Schow, Patterson, Brown and Goings

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1 AN ACT Relating to cemetery district commissioners; and amending
2 RCW 68.52.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.52.220 and 1994 c 223 s 77 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of cemetery
7 district commissioners composed of three members. Members of the board
8 shall receive (~~(no compensation for their services, but)~~) fifty dollars
9 per day or portion thereof, not to exceed four thousand eight hundred
10 dollars per year, for attendance at board meetings and for performance
11 of other services in behalf of the district. In addition, members of
12 the board shall receive expenses necessarily incurred in attending
13 meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district business.
14 The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and other
15 employees of the district. Cemetery district commissioners and
16 candidates for cemetery district commissioner are exempt from the
17 requirements of chapter 42.17 RCW.

18 The initial cemetery district commissioners shall assume office
19 immediately upon their election and qualification. Staggering of terms

1 of office shall be accomplished as follows: (1) The person elected
2 receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a six-year
3 term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year or a
4 five-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered
5 year; (2) the person who is elected receiving the next greatest number
6 of votes shall be elected to a four-year term of office if the election
7 is held in an odd-numbered year or a three-year term of office if the
8 election is held in an even-numbered year; and (3) the other person who
9 is elected shall be elected to a two-year term of office if the
10 election is held in an odd-numbered year or a one-year term of office
11 if the election is held in an even-numbered year. The initial
12 commissioners shall assume office immediately after they are elected
13 and qualified but their terms of office shall be calculated from the
14 first day of January after the election.

15 Thereafter, commissioners shall be elected to six-year terms of
16 office. Commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected
17 and qualified and assume office as provided in RCW 29.04.170.

18 The polling places for a cemetery district election may be located
19 inside or outside the boundaries of the district, as determined by the
20 auditor of the county in which the cemetery district is located, and no
21 such election shall be held irregular or void on that account.

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