

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5401**

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1997 Regular Session

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5401** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 02/21/97.

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:~~

1 REVENUE SALARY

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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