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(originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Pettigrew, Shabro,
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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing special meetings to be called through
2 electronic mail notice; and amending RCW 42.30.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.080 and 1971 ex.s. c 250 s 8 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding
7 officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of
8 the members of the governing body by delivering written notice
9 personally ~~((or))~~, by mail ~~((written notice))~~, by fax, or by electronic
10 mail to each member of the governing body; and to each local newspaper
11 of general circulation and to each local radio or television station
12 which has on file with the governing body a written request to be
13 notified of such special meeting or of all special meetings. Such
14 notice must be delivered personally ~~((or))~~, by mail, by fax, or by
15 electronic mail at least twenty-four hours before the time of such
16 meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify
17 the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be
18 transacted. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter
19 at such meetings by the governing body. A subscriber to such

1 notifications must be allowed by the sender to specify which approved
2 method or methods of communication he or she prefers for the receipt of
3 notices of a special meeting. The sender is required to use the
4 subscriber's preferred method of communication. If electronic mail is
5 used, a return receipt must be requested. If a fax is used, a reply
6 fax must be requested. If the electronic mail return receipt or reply
7 fax is not received in a timely manner, the sender shall verify receipt
8 by telephone. Such written notice may be dispensed with as to any
9 member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the
10 clerk or secretary of the governing body a written waiver of notice.
11 Such waiver may be given by telegram, by fax, or electronic mail. Such
12 written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is
13 actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. The notices
14 provided in this section may be dispensed with in the event a special
15 meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage
16 to persons or property or the likelihood of such injury or damage, when
17 time requirements of such notice would make notice impractical and
18 increase the likelihood of such injury or damage.

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