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By Representatives Simpson and Ross

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1 AN ACT Relating to compensation of special purpose district  
2 commissioners; and amending RCW 57.12.010 and 70.44.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.12.010 and 2007 c 469 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The governing body of a district shall be a board of commissioners  
7 consisting of three members, or five or seven members as provided in  
8 RCW 57.12.015. The board shall annually elect one of its members as  
9 president and another as secretary.

10 The board shall by resolution adopt rules governing the transaction  
11 of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings  
12 shall be by resolution recorded in a book kept for that purpose which  
13 shall be a public record.

14 ~~((A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of~~  
15 ~~compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of)) Each  
16 commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or portion  
17 thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the district  
18 commission, or in performance of other official services or duties on  
19 behalf of the district. However, the compensation for each~~

1 commissioner shall not exceed eight thousand six hundred forty dollars  
2 per year. In addition, the secretary may be paid a reasonable sum for  
3 clerical services.

4 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her  
5 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months  
6 during the commissioner's term of office, by a written waiver filed  
7 with the district at any time after the commissioner's election and  
8 prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid.  
9 The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is  
10 made.

11 No commissioner shall be employed full time by the district. A  
12 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually  
13 incurred in connection with district business, including subsistence  
14 and lodging while away from the commissioner's place of residence and  
15 mileage for use of a privately-owned vehicle at the mileage rate  
16 authorized in RCW 43.03.060.

17 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted  
18 for inflation by the office of financial management every five years,  
19 beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index  
20 during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any  
21 calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for  
22 Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items,  
23 compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States  
24 department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops  
25 more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the  
26 index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas  
27 exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items  
28 shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The  
29 office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold  
30 and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in  
31 the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar  
32 threshold is to take effect.

33 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special  
34 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation  
35 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation  
36 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or  
37 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.

1 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation  
2 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.44.050 and 2007 c 469 s 7 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

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7 commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or portion  
8 thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the district  
9 commission, or in performance of other official services or duties on  
10 behalf of the district, to include meetings of the commission of his or  
11 her own district, or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of  
12 two or more districts called to consider business common to them,  
13 except that the total compensation paid to such commissioner during any  
14 one year shall not exceed eight thousand six hundred forty dollars.  
15 The commissioners may not be compensated for services performed of a  
16 ministerial or professional nature.

17 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her  
18 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months  
19 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the  
20 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,  
21 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to  
22 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver  
23 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

24 Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering  
25 them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance for  
26 its commissioners with the same coverage. Each commissioner shall be  
27 reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with  
28 such business and meetings, including his or her subsistence and  
29 lodging and travel while away from his or her place of residence. No  
30 resolution shall be adopted without a majority vote of the whole  
31 commission. The commission shall organize by election of its own  
32 members of a president and secretary, shall by resolution adopt rules  
33 governing the transaction of its business and shall adopt an official  
34 seal. All proceedings of the commission shall be by motion or  
35 resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such purpose, which  
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