
HOUSE BILL 2707

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1 AN ACT Relating to the method of calculating public utility
2 district commissioner compensation; 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 2008 c 218 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Commissioners of public utility districts (~~((are eligible to))~~)
7 shall 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 (~~((four))~~) eight hundred dollars per month, as adjusted for inflation by
11 the office of financial management in subsection (6) of this section,
12 during a calendar year if the district received total gross revenue of
13 over fifteen million dollars during the fiscal year ending June 30th
14 before the calendar year. (~~((However, the board of commissioners of~~
15 ~~such a public utility district may pass a resolution increasing the~~
16 ~~rate of salary up to one thousand eight hundred dollars per month.))~~)

17 (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district
18 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of one thousand
19 three hundred dollars per month, as adjusted for inflation by the

1 office of financial management in subsection (6) of this section,
2 during a calendar year if the district received total gross revenue of
3 from two million dollars to fifteen million dollars during the fiscal
4 year ending June 30th before the calendar year. (~~However, the board~~
5 ~~of commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a~~
6 ~~resolution increasing the rate of salary up to one thousand three~~
7 ~~hundred dollars per month.))~~

8 (c) Commissioners of other districts shall (~~serve without~~)
9 receive a salary(~~. However, the board of commissioners of such a~~
10 ~~public utility district may pass a resolution providing for salaries~~
11 ~~not exceeding~~) of six hundred dollars per month, as adjusted for
12 inflation by the office of financial management in subsection (6) of
13 this section, for each commissioner.

14 (2) In addition to salary, all districts (~~may~~) shall provide (~~by~~
15 ~~resolution~~) for the payment of per diem compensation to each
16 commissioner at a rate (~~not exceeding~~) of ninety dollars, as adjusted
17 for inflation by the office of financial management in subsection (6)
18 of this section, for each day or portion thereof spent in actual
19 attendance at official meetings of the district commission or in
20 performance of other official services or duties on behalf of the
21 district, to include meetings of the commission of his or her district
22 or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more
23 districts called to consider business common to them, but such
24 compensation paid during any one year to a commissioner shall not
25 exceed twelve thousand six hundred dollars, as adjusted for inflation
26 by the office of financial management in subsection (6) of this
27 section. Per diem compensation shall not be paid for services of a
28 ministerial or professional nature.

29 (3) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
30 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
31 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
32 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
33 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
34 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
35 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

36 (4) Each district commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable
37 expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and

1 meetings, including his or her subsistence and lodging and travel while
2 away from his or her place of residence.

3 (5) Any district providing group insurance for its employees,
4 covering them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide
5 insurance for its commissioner with the same coverage.

6 (6) The dollar thresholds for salaries and per diem compensation
7 established in this section must be adjusted for inflation by the
8 office of financial management every five years, beginning July 1,
9 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time
10 period. "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that
11 year's annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for
12 wage earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of
13 labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the bureau
14 of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price index for
15 areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of
16 people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state,
17 and including all items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation
18 in this section. The office of financial management must calculate the
19 new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office of the code reviser
20 for publication in the Washington State Register at least one month
21 before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

22 (7) A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
23 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
24 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation
25 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or
26 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.
27 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation
28 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

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