
SENATE BILL 5705

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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to voting rights in special districts; amending RCW
2 85.38.105; and repealing RCW 85.08.025 and 86.09.377.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 85.38.105 and 1991 c 349 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The owner of land located in a special district who is a
7 qualified voter of the special district shall receive ~~((two))~~ one
8 vote~~((s))~~ at any election.

9 (2) If multiple undivided interests, other than community property
10 interests, exist in a lot or parcel and no person owns a majority
11 undivided interest, the owners of undivided interests at least equal to
12 a majority interest may ~~((designate in writing:~~

13 ~~(a) Which owner is eligible to vote and may cast two votes; or~~
14 ~~(b) Which two owners are eligible to vote and may cast))~~ receive
15 one vote each.

16 (3) If land is owned as community property, each spouse is entitled
17 to one vote if both spouses otherwise qualify to vote, unless one
18 spouse designates in writing that the other spouse may cast both votes.

1 (4) A corporation, partnership, or governmental entity shall
2 designate(~~(+~~
3 ~~(a))~~ a natural person to cast its ~~((two))~~ vote(~~(s; or~~
4 ~~(b) Two natural persons to each cast one of its votes))~~ .
5 ~~((5) Except as provided in RCW 85.08.025 and 86.09.377, no owner~~
6 ~~of land may cast more than two votes or have more than two votes cast~~
7 ~~for him or her in a special district election.))~~

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
9 repealed:

- 10 (1) RCW 85.08.025 (Voting rights) and 1991 c 349 s 3 & 1985 c 396
11 s 21; and
12 (2) RCW 86.09.377 (Voting rights) and 1991 c 349 s 4 & 1985 c 396
13 s 22.

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