
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5812

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Marr and Brown)

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1 AN ACT Relating to health districts consisting of one county; and
2 amending RCW 70.46.031.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.46.031 and 1995 c 43 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) A health district to consist of one county may be created
7 whenever the county legislative authority of the county shall pass a
8 resolution or ordinance to organize such a health district under
9 chapter 70.05 RCW and this chapter.

10 (b) The resolution or ordinance may specify the membership,
11 representation on the district health board, or other matters relative
12 to the formation or operation of the health district. The county
13 legislative authority may appoint elected officials from cities and
14 towns and persons other than elected officials as members of the health
15 district board so long as persons other than elected officials do not
16 constitute a majority.

17 (c) Any single county health district existing on (~~the effective~~
18 ~~date of this act~~) January 1, 1996, shall continue in existence unless

1 and until changed by affirmative action of the county legislative
2 authority.

3 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the agency
4 originally established as the Spokane county health district in January
5 1970, when the city of Spokane and Spokane county merged their health
6 departments into one agency pursuant to this chapter, is comprised of
7 the following membership commencing August 1, 2009:

8 (a) Two members of the Spokane county commissioners;

9 (b) One elected official from the largest city in the district;

10 (c) Two local physicians nominated by the Spokane county medical
11 society;

12 (d) A local health care professional chosen by the Spokane county
13 commissioners;

14 (e) Two local business representatives nominated by the local
15 chamber of commerce, one representing the restaurant industry and one
16 representing the building industry; and

17 (f) One public member chosen by the Spokane county commissioners.

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