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By Senators Morton, Swecker, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to special meetings; and amending RCW 42.30.080.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.080 and 2005 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding
6 officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of
7 the members of the governing body by delivering written notice
8 personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of
9 the governing body(~~+~~and)). Written notice shall be deemed waived in
10 the following circumstances:

11 (a) A member submits a written waiver of notice with the clerk or
12 secretary of the governing body at or prior to the time the meeting
13 convenes. A written waiver may be given by telegram, fax, or
14 electronic mail; or

15 (b) A member is actually present at the time the meeting convenes.

16 (2) Notice of a special meeting called under subsection (1) of this
17 section shall be:

18 (a) Delivered to each local newspaper of general circulation and

1 ~~((to each))~~ local radio or television station ~~((which))~~ that has on
2 file with the governing body a written request to be notified of such
3 special meeting or of all special meetings;

4 (b) Posted on the agency's web site, if any;

5 (c) Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's
6 principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the
7 agency's principal location; and

8 (d) Delivered to individuals who reside in a voting district for
9 which the governing body has fewer than one thousand registered voters
10 and who have a written request to be notified of special meetings on
11 file with the governing body. Individuals requesting to be notified of
12 special meetings may receive the notice by fax, electronic mail, or
13 telephonic message.

14 Such notice must be delivered ~~((personally, by mail, by fax, or by~~
15 ~~electronic mail))~~ or posted, as applicable, at least twenty-four hours
16 before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.

17 (3) The call and notices required under subsections (1) and (2) of
18 this section shall specify the time and place of the special meeting
19 and the business to be transacted. Final disposition shall not be
20 taken on any other matter at such meetings by the governing body.
21 ~~((Such written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or~~
22 ~~prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or~~
23 ~~secretary of the governing body a written waiver of notice. Such~~
24 ~~waiver may be given by telegram, by fax, or electronic mail. Such~~
25 ~~written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is~~
26 ~~actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.))~~

27 (4) The notices provided in this section may be dispensed with in
28 the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency
29 involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of
30 such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make
31 notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or
32 damage.

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