

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1088

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Government Operations & Security, March 19, 2015

Title: An act relating to per diem compensation for flood control zone district supervisors.

Brief Description: Modifying per diem compensation for flood control zone district supervisors.

Sponsors: House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representative Takko).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/11/15, 97-0; 2/11/15, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Security: 3/12/15, 3/19/15 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; Liias, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and McCoy.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Dansel.

Staff: Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

Background: Flood Control Zone Districts (Districts) Generally. Districts may be created by vote of a county legislative authority, either on its own or upon petition. The statutory purpose of a district is to undertake, operate, or maintain flood or stormwater control projects.

In general the members of the county legislative authority also serve as district supervisors. However, a district with more than 2000 residents can have separately elected supervisors if a ballot proposition is submitted to, and approved by, the district's voters.

Per Diem for District Supervisors. Separately elected district supervisors are entitled to specific types of compensation. Specifically, supervisors may receive up to \$70 per day and up to \$6,700 per calendar year. A supervisor is also entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses including meals, lodging, and mileage.

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The county legislative authority sets the compensation level for initial supervisors during their initial terms, but the supervisors set the amount after that time.

Summary of Bill: The authorized compensation for separately elected district supervisors is increased as follows:

- maximum daily compensation is increased from \$70 to \$114. However, the daily compensation is fixed at \$114 per day for supervisors in office on January 1, 2015; and
- maximum annual compensation is increased from \$6,700 to \$10,944.

Beginning in July 2018, these compensation thresholds must be adjusted every five years based on changes in the consumer price index.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill would put the per diem for Flood Control Zone District supervisors on equal footing with many other governing boards of special purpose districts. This was an oversight in earlier legislation that addressed per diem rates and tied them to inflation.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Takko, prime sponsor; Ken Stone, Jennifer Ziegler, Lexington Flood Control Zone District.

Persons Signed in to Testify But Not Testifying: No one.