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HOUSE BILL 1092

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By Representatives Fey and Jenkins

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1 AN ACT Relating to the compensation of commissioners of certain  
2 metropolitan park districts; and amending RCW 35.61.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.61.150 and 2007 c 469 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Metropolitan park commissioners selected by election  
7 according to RCW 35.61.050(2) shall perform their duties and may  
8 provide, by resolution passed by the commissioners, for the payment  
9 of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate ~~((€))~~ up to  
10 ~~((ninety dollars))~~ the daily compensation maximum amount provided in  
11 subsection (3) of this section for each day or portion of a day spent  
12 in actual attendance at official meetings or in performance of other  
13 official services or duties on behalf of the district. However, the  
14 compensation for each commissioner must not exceed ~~((eight thousand~~  
15 ~~six hundred forty dollars))~~ the annual compensation maximum amount  
16 provided in subsection (3) of this section per year.

17 (2) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her  
18 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months  
19 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the  
20 clerk of the board. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any  
21 time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which

1 the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify  
2 the month or period of months for which it is made.

3 (3) (a) For purposes of the references in subsection (1) of this  
4 section, the daily compensation maximum amount is one hundred twenty-  
5 eight dollars and the annual compensation maximum amount is twelve  
6 thousand two hundred eighty-eight dollars. However, for any  
7 metropolitan park district with facilities including an aquarium, a  
8 wildlife park, and a zoo, accredited by a nationally recognized  
9 accrediting agency, the annual compensation maximum amount is twenty-  
10 four thousand five hundred seventy-six dollars.

11 (b) The dollar thresholds established in this ((section))  
12 subsection (3) must be adjusted for inflation by the office of  
13 financial management every five years, beginning July 1, ((2008))  
14 2023, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time  
15 period. "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that  
16 year's annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for  
17 wage earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau  
18 of labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the  
19 bureau of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price  
20 index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest  
21 number of people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of  
22 the state, and including all items shall be used for the adjustments  
23 for inflation in this section. The office of financial management  
24 must calculate the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office  
25 of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register  
26 at least one month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

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

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