
HOUSE BILL 2449

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1 AN ACT Relating to water-sewer district commissioner
2 compensation; and amending RCW 57.12.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.12.010 and 2008 c 31 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The governing body of a district shall be a board of
7 commissioners consisting of three members, or five or seven members
8 as provided in RCW 57.12.015. The board shall annually elect one of
9 its members as president and another as secretary.

10 The board shall by resolution adopt rules governing the
11 transaction of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All
12 proceedings shall be by resolution recorded in a book kept for that
13 purpose which shall be a public record.

14 Each commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or
15 portion thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of
16 the district commission, or in performance of other official services
17 or duties on behalf of the district. However, the compensation for
18 each commissioner shall not exceed eight thousand six hundred forty
19 dollars per year. In addition, the secretary may be paid a reasonable
20 sum for clerical services.

1 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
2 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
3 during the commissioner's term of office, by a written waiver filed
4 with the district at any time after the commissioner's election and
5 prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid.
6 The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it
7 is made.

8 No commissioner shall be employed full time by the district. A
9 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually
10 incurred in connection with district business, including subsistence
11 and lodging while away from the commissioner's place of residence and
12 mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle at the mileage rate
13 authorized in RCW 43.03.060.

14 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be
15 adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every
16 five years, beginning (~~July 1, 2008~~) January 1, 2024, based upon
17 changes in the consumer price index during that time period.
18 "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that year's
19 annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for wage
20 earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of
21 labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the
22 bureau of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price
23 index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest
24 number of people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of
25 the state, and including all items shall be used for the adjustments
26 for inflation in this section. The office of financial management
27 must calculate the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office
28 of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register
29 at least one month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

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

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