
HOUSE BILL 2963

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By Representative Walsh

1 AN ACT Relating to voting rights in public utility district
2 elections; and amending RCW 54.04.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.04.060 and 2010 c 8 s 17001 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The supervisor of elections or other proper officer of the
7 county shall give notice of all elections held under this title, for
8 the time and in the manner and form provided for city, town, school
9 district, and port district elections. When the supervisor or other
10 officer deems an emergency exists, and is requested so to do by a
11 resolution of the district commission, he or she may call a special
12 election at any time in the district, and he or she may combine or
13 divide precincts for the purpose of holding special elections, and
14 special elections shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the
15 manner provided by law.

16 (2) The supervisor or other officer shall provide polling places,
17 appoint the election officers, provide their compensation, provide
18 ballot boxes, and ballots or voting machines, poll books and tally
19 sheets, and deliver them to the election officers at the polling
20 places, publish and post notices of the elections in the manner

1 provided by law, and apportion to the district its share of the
2 expense of the election.

3 (3) The manner of conducting and voting at the elections, opening
4 and closing of polls, keeping of poll lists, canvassing the votes,
5 declaring the result, and certifying the returns, shall be the same
6 as for the election of state and county officers, except as otherwise
7 provided herein.

8 (4) In all public utility district elections, a person is
9 eligible to vote if the person is registered under the laws of this
10 state and: (a) Resides within the district; or (b) is a customer who
11 purchases services from the district. "Voters of the district" and
12 substantially similar terms in this title refer to all eligible
13 voters under this subsection.

14 (5) The district commission shall certify to the supervisor a
15 list of offices to be filled at a district election and the
16 commission, if it desires to submit to the voters of the district a
17 proposition, shall require the secretary of the commission to certify
18 it at the time and in the manner and form provided for certifying
19 propositions by the governing board of cities, towns, and port
20 districts.

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