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HOUSE BILL 1159

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By Representatives Berg, Bronoske, Griffey, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to the number of fire protection district  
2 commissioners; and amending RCW 52.14.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.14.015 and 2012 c 174 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 In the event a (~~three-member~~) board of commissioners of any  
7 fire protection district determines by resolution that it would be in  
8 the best interest of the district to increase the number of  
9 commissioners (~~from three~~) to five or seven, or in the event the  
10 board is presented with a petition signed by (~~ten~~) 10 percent of  
11 the registered voters resident within the district who voted in the  
12 last general municipal election calling for such an increase in the  
13 number of commissioners of the district, the board shall submit a  
14 resolution to the county legislative authority or authorities of the  
15 county or counties in which the district is located requesting that  
16 an election be held. Upon receipt of the resolution, the legislative  
17 authority or authorities of the county or counties shall call a  
18 special election to be held within the fire protection district at  
19 which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the  
20 voters substantially as follows:

1 Shall the board of commissioners of . . . . . county fire  
2 protection district no. . . . . be increased from (three or five)  
3 members to (five (+) or seven) members?

4 Yes . . . . .

5 No . . . . .

6 If the fire protection district is located in more than a single  
7 county, this proposition shall indicate the name of the district.

8 If the proposition receives a majority approval at the election,  
9 the board of commissioners of the fire protection district shall be  
10 increased to five or seven members. The ~~((two or four))~~ additional  
11 members shall be appointed in the same manner as provided in RCW  
12 52.14.020.

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