
SENATE BILL 5457

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By Senators Morton and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to special meetings; and amending RCW 42.30.080.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.080 and 2005 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding
6 officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of
7 the members of the governing body by delivering written notice
8 personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of
9 the governing body; (~~and~~) to each local newspaper of general
10 circulation and to each local radio or television station which has on
11 file with the governing body a written request to be notified of such
12 special meeting or of all special meetings; and if the voting district
13 for the governing body has fewer than one thousand registered voters,
14 to any individual residing in the district who has a written request to
15 be notified of special meetings on file with the governing body. Such
16 notice must be delivered personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic
17 mail at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting as
18 specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time
19 and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted.

1 Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such
2 meetings by the governing body. Such written notice may be dispensed
3 with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes
4 files with the clerk or secretary of the governing body a written
5 waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by telegram, by fax, or
6 electronic mail. Such written notice may also be dispensed with as to
7 any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it
8 convenes. The notices provided in this section may be dispensed with
9 in the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency
10 involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of
11 such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make
12 notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or
13 damage.

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