
SENATE BILL 6704

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By Senator Fairley; by request of Attorney General

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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~~) by posting a notice on the agency's web
10 site, if any, and in an area open to the public at the agency's main
11 administrative office; by delivering written notice to each local
12 newspaper of general circulation; and by delivering notice to each
13 local radio or television station which has on file with the governing
14 body a written request to be notified of such special meeting or of all
15 special meetings. Such notice must be delivered personally, by mail,
16 by fax, or by electronic mail at least twenty-four hours before the
17 time of such meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice
18 shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the
19 business to be transacted. Final disposition shall not be taken on any

1 other matter at such meetings by the governing body. Such written
2 notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the
3 time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the
4 governing body a written waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by
5 telegram, by fax, or electronic mail. Such written notice may also be
6 dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting
7 at the time it convenes. The notices provided in this section may be
8 dispensed with in the event a special meeting is called to deal with an
9 emergency involving injury or damage to persons or property or the
10 likelihood of such injury or damage, when time requirements of such
11 notice would make notice impractical and increase the likelihood of
12 such injury or damage.

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