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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2348**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Chandler and Linville; by request of Conservation Commission)

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1 AN ACT Relating to conservation districts; amending RCW 89.08.210;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 89.08 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 89.08.210 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 184 s 22 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The supervisors may employ a secretary, treasurer, technical  
7 experts, and such other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and  
8 temporary, as they may require, and determine their qualifications,  
9 duties, and compensation. It may call upon the attorney general for  
10 legal services, or may employ its own counsel and legal staff. The  
11 supervisors may delegate to their chairman, to one or more supervisors,  
12 or to one or more agents or employees such powers and duties as it  
13 deems proper. The supervisors shall furnish to the commission, upon  
14 request, copies of such internal rules, regulations, orders, contracts,  
15 forms, and other documents as they shall adopt or employ, and such  
16 other information concerning their activities as the commission may  
17 require in the performance of its duties under this 1973 amendatory  
18 act. The supervisors shall provide for the execution of surety bonds

1 for officers and all employees who shall be entrusted with funds or  
2 property.

3 The supervisors shall provide for the keeping of a full and  
4 accurate record of all proceedings, resolutions, regulations, and  
5 orders issued or adopted. The supervisors shall provide for an annual  
6 audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements in accordance with  
7 procedures prescribed by regulations of the commission.

8 The board may invite the legislative body of any municipality or  
9 county near or within the district, to designate a representative to  
10 advise and consult with it on all questions of program and policy which  
11 may affect the property, water supply, or other interests of such  
12 municipality or county. The governing body of a district shall appoint  
13 such advisory committees as may be needed to assure the availability of  
14 appropriate channels of communication to the board of supervisors, to  
15 persons affected by district operations, and to local, regional, state  
16 and interstate special-purpose districts and agencies responsible for  
17 community planning, zoning, or other resource development activities.  
18 The district shall keep such committees informed of its work, and such  
19 advisory committees shall submit recommendations from time to time to  
20 the board of supervisors.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 89.08 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 The treasurer of the county in which a conservation district is  
24 located is ex officio treasurer of the district. However, the board of  
25 supervisors by resolution may designate some other person having  
26 experience in financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the  
27 conservation district. The board of supervisors shall require a bond,  
28 with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of  
29 Washington, in an amount and under the terms and conditions which the  
30 board of supervisors by resolution from time to time finds will protect  
31 the district against loss. The premium on this bond shall be paid by  
32 the district.

33 All district funds shall be paid to the treasurer and disbursed  
34 only on warrants issued by an auditor appointed by the board of  
35 supervisors, upon orders or vouchers approved by it. The treasurer  
36 shall establish a conservation district fund into which shall be paid  
37 all district funds. The treasurer shall maintain any special funds

1 created by the board of supervisors for the placement of all money as  
2 the board of supervisors may, by resolution, direct.

3 If the treasurer of the district is the treasurer of the county all  
4 district funds shall be deposited with the county depositaries under  
5 the same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county  
6 depositaries. If the treasurer of the district is some other person,  
7 all funds shall be deposited in a bank or banks authorized to do  
8 business in this state as the board of supervisors, by resolution,  
9 designates.

10 A district may provide and require a reasonable bond of any other  
11 person handling moneys or securities of the district, if the district  
12 pays the premium.

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