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1 AN ACT Relating to the board of commissioners of a water-sewer
2 district; amending RCW 57.12.015; and repealing RCW 57.08.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.12.015 and 1996 c 230 s 402 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

1 Shall the Board of Commissioners of ____ (name and/or number of
2 district) ____ be increased from three to five members?

3 Yes

4 No

5 If the proposition receives a majority approval at the election the
6 board of commissioners of the district shall be increased to five
7 members.

8 (2)(a) In any district with more than ten thousand customers, if a
9 three-member board of commissioners determines by resolution that it
10 would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number of
11 commissioners from three to five, the number of commissioners shall be
12 so increased without an election, unless within ninety days of adoption
13 of that resolution a petition requesting an election and signed by at
14 least ten percent of the registered voters who voted in the last
15 municipal general election is filed with the board. If such a petition
16 is received, the board shall submit the resolution and the petition to
17 the county auditor, who shall call a special election in the manner
18 described in this section.

19 (b) In any district with more than twenty-five thousand customers,
20 if a three-member or five-member board of commissioners determines by
21 resolution that it would be in the best interest of the district to
22 increase the number of commissioners from five to seven, the number of
23 commissioners shall be so increased without an election, unless within
24 ninety days of adoption of that resolution a petition requesting an
25 election and signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters
26 who voted in the last municipal general election is filed with the
27 board. If such a petition is received, the board shall submit the
28 resolution and the petition to the county auditor, who shall call a
29 special election in the manner described in this section.

30 (3) The two additional positions created on boards of commissioners
31 by this section shall be filled initially as for a vacancy, except that
32 the appointees shall draw lots, one appointee to serve until the next
33 district general election after the appointment, at which two
34 commissioners shall be elected for six-year terms, and the other
35 appointee to serve until the second district general election after the
36 appointment, at which two commissioners shall be elected for six-year
37 terms.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 57.08.110 (Association of
2 commissioners--Purposes--Powers--Expenses) and 1999 c 153 s 13, 1996 c
3 230 s 318, 1995 c 301 s 76, 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 68, 1970 ex.s. c 47
4 s 5, & 1961 c 242 s 1 are each repealed.

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