

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

01-07-01 Request by Ronda Cahill, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

1. Do conservation district elections come within the definition of a general or special election? 2. If a conservation district election is a general election or a special election, do individuals who seek election as conservation district supervisors now fall under the definition of candidate because of the 1999 statutory amendment in RCW 89.08.020 eliminating the landowner or occupier requirement (thus making these individuals subject to campaign and/or personal financial affairs disclosure if their districts otherwise meet the criteria specified in RCW 42.17.030 (election campaigns) and/or RCW 42.17.405 (personal financial affairs reporting)]? 3. For purposes of filing the annual personal financial affairs statement in RCW 42.17.240, are elected conservation district supervisors "elected officials" who are subject to the requirement if the district has one thousand or more registered voters? 4. If the answer to question 2 is yes, do the supervisors who are appointed to the district boards by the state commission also need to file the personal financial disclosure reports if the district has one thousand or more registered voters?

