
SENATE BILL 6520

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By Senators Oke and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to park and recreation district elections; and
2 amending RCW 29.21.015 and 36.69.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.21.015 and 1990 c 59 s 90 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No primary may be held for any single position in any city,
7 town, or district, as required by RCW 29.21.010, if, after the last day
8 allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two
9 candidates filed for the position. The county auditor shall, as soon
10 as possible, notify all the candidates so affected that the office for
11 which they filed will not appear on the primary ballot.

12 (2) No primary may be held for the office of commissioner of a park
13 and recreation district.

14 (3) Names of candidates ((so notified)) for offices that do not
15 appear on the primary ballot shall be printed upon the general election
16 ballot in the manner specified by RCW 29.30.025.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.69.090 and 1987 c 53 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 Elections for park and recreation district commissioners shall be
2 held biennially in conjunction with the general election in each odd-
3 numbered year. Residence anywhere within the district shall qualify an
4 elector for any position on the commission after the initial election.
5 Elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Title 29
6 RCW dealing with general elections, except that there shall be no
7 primary to nominate candidates. All persons filing and qualifying
8 shall appear on the general election ballot and the person receiving
9 the largest number of votes for each position shall be elected. All
10 commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and
11 qualified and assume office in accordance with RCW 29.04.170. At the
12 first election following the formation of the district, the two
13 candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for terms
14 of four years, and the three candidates receiving the next highest
15 number of votes shall serve for two years. Thereafter all
16 commissioners shall be elected for four year terms: PROVIDED, That if
17 there would otherwise be two commissioners elected at the November 1987
18 general election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
19 shall serve a four-year term, and the commissioner receiving the second
20 highest number of votes shall serve a two-year term.

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