
SENATE BILL 6202

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By Senators Haugen and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to five-member boards of county commissioners; and
2 amending RCW 36.32.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.055 and 1990 c 252 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The board of commissioners of any noncharter county (~~with a~~
7 ~~population of three hundred thousand or more~~) may cause a ballot
8 proposition to be submitted at a general election to the voters of the
9 county authorizing the board of commissioners to be increased to five
10 members.

11 (2) As an alternative procedure, a ballot proposition shall be
12 submitted to the voters of a noncharter county authorizing the board of
13 commissioners to be increased to five members, upon petition of the
14 county voters equal to at least ten percent of the voters voting at the
15 last county general election. At least twenty percent of the
16 signatures on the petition shall come from each of the existing
17 commissioner districts.

18 Any petition requesting that such an election be held shall be
19 submitted to the county auditor for verification of the signatures

1 thereon. Within no more than thirty days after the submission of the
2 petition, the auditor shall determine if the petition contains the
3 requisite number of valid signatures. The auditor shall certify
4 whether or not the petition has been signed by the requisite number of
5 county voters and forward such petition to the board of county
6 commissioners. If the petition has been signed by the requisite number
7 of county voters, the board of county commissioners shall submit such
8 a proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection at the next
9 general election held at least sixty days after the proposition has
10 been certified by the auditor.

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