

6125-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water
(originally sponsored by Senator Morton)

Brief Description: Conservancy board voting. Revised for 1st
Substitute: Providing for alternate members of a water conservancy
board.

SB 6125-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that an "alternate" means an individual: (1) Who is
appointed by the county legislative authority or authorities under
RCW 90.80.050(3);

(2) Who is trained under the requirements of RCW 90.80.040;
and

(3) Who, while serving as a replacement for an absent or
recused commissioner: (a) May serve and vote as a commissioner;
(b) is subject to any requirement applicable to a commissioner; and
(c) counts toward a quorum.

Authorizes the county legislative authority or authorities to
appoint up to two alternates to serve in a reserve capacity as
replacements for absent or recused commissioners, and while serving
in that capacity an alternate may serve for all or any portion of
a meeting of the board. Alternates do not hold an appointed
commissioner position on a board as set forth under this act. An
alternate shall be appointed to serve a six-year term.

Requires that, when alternates appointed under the provisions
of RCW 90.80.050(3) are serving as commissioners on a board, a
majority vote of the board must include at least one commissioner
appointed under the provisions of RCW 90.80.050(1).

Provides that an alternate serving as a commissioner shall be
guided by the conflict of interest standards applicable to all
commissioners under RCW 90.80.120. The board shall provide notice
of an alternate sitting as a commissioner to the applicant and
other participants in proceedings before the board in a timely
manner to provide sufficient time for any challenges for conflict
of interest to be made prior to the board's decision on the
application.

Provides that, in the event of a recusal of an appointed
commissioner, an alternate may serve as a commissioner on a board
and may act upon the official board business for which the conflict
of interest exists.