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CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6174** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to special purpose district commissioner per diem
- 2 compensation; amending RCW 35.61.150, 52.14.010, 53.12.260, 54.12.080,
- 3 57.12.010, 68.52.220, 70.44.050, 85.05.410, 85.06.380, 85.08.320,
- 4 85.24.080, 86.09.283, 87.03.460, and 36.57A.050; and adding a new
- 5 section to chapter 85.38 RCW.

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

- 7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.61.150 and 1965 c 7 s 35.61.150 are each amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 Metropolitan park commissioners shall perform their duties
- 10 ((without compensation)) and may provide, by resolution passed by the
- 11 commissioners, for the payment of compensation to each of its
- 12 commissioners at a rate of up to seventy dollars for each day or
- 13 portion of a day devoted to the business of the district. However, the
- 14 compensation for each commissioner must not exceed six thousand seven
- 15 hundred twenty dollars per year.
- 16 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
- 17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
- 18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
- 19 clerk of the board. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any

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- 1 time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which
- 2 the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the
- 3 month or period of months for which it is made.

Sec. 2. RCW 52.14.010 and 1994 c 223 s 48 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of fire commissioners composed of three registered voters residing in the district except as provided in RCW 52.14.015 and 52.14.020. Each member shall each receive ((fifty)) seventy dollars per day or portion thereof, not to exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars per year, for attendance at board meetings and for performance of other services in behalf of the district.

In addition, they shall receive necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district business, and shall be entitled to receive the same insurance available to all fire fighters of the district: PROVIDED, That the premiums for such insurance, except liability insurance, shall be paid by the individual commissioners who elect to receive it.

Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and all other agents and employees of the district. The board may, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, authorize any of its members to serve as volunteer fire fighters without compensation. A commissioner actually serving as a volunteer fire fighter may enjoy the rights and benefits of a volunteer fire fighter.

- **Sec. 3.** RCW 53.12.260 and 1992 c 146 s 12 are each amended to read 33 as follows:
- (1) Each commissioner of a port district shall receive ((fifty))
 seventy dollars per day or portion thereof spent (a) in actual
 attendance at official meetings of the port district commission, or (b)
 in performance of other service in behalf of the district. The total

- per diem compensation of a port commissioner shall not exceed ((four))

 six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in a year, or

 ((six)) eight thousand four hundred dollars in any year for a port

 district with gross operating income of twenty-five million or more in

 the preceding calendar year.
- (2) Port commissioners shall receive additional compensation as 6 7 follows: (a) Each commissioner of a port district with gross operating 8 revenues of twenty-five million dollars or more in the preceding 9 calendar year shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per month; 10 and (b) each commissioner of a port district with gross operating revenues of from one million dollars to less than twenty-five million 11 dollars in the preceding calendar year shall receive a salary of two 12 13 hundred dollars per month.
- 14 (3) In lieu of the compensation specified in this section, a port commission may set compensation to be paid to commissioners.
- 16 (4) For any commissioner who has not elected to become a member of 17 public employees retirement system before May 1, 1975, the compensation provided pursuant to this section shall not be considered salary for 18 19 purposes of the provisions of any retirement system created pursuant to 20 the general laws of this state nor shall attendance at such meetings or other service on behalf of the district constitute service as defined 21 in RCW 41.40.010(9): PROVIDED, That in the case of a port district 22 23 when commissioners are receiving compensation and contributing to the 24 public employees retirement system, these benefits shall continue in 25 full force and effect notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 53.12.260 26 and 53.12.265.
- 27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 54.12.080 and 1997 c 28 s 1 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
- 29 (1) Commissioners of public utility districts are eligible to 30 receive salaries as follows:
- 31 (a) Each public utility district commissioner of a district operating utility properties shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per month during a calendar year if the district received total gross revenue of over fifteen million dollars during the fiscal year ending June 30th before the calendar year. However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district may pass a resolution increasing the rate of salary up to thirteen hundred dollars per month.

- (b) Each public utility district commissioner of a district 1 2 operating utility properties shall receive a salary of seven hundred dollars per month during a calendar year if the district received total 3 gross revenue of from two million dollars to fifteen million dollars 4 5 during the fiscal year ending June 30th before the calendar year. However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district 6 7 may pass a resolution increasing the rate of salary up to nine hundred 8 dollars per month.
- 9 (c) Commissioners of other districts shall serve without salary.
 10 However, the board of commissioners of such a public utility district
 11 may pass a resolution providing for salaries not exceeding four hundred
 12 dollars per month for each commissioner.
- 13 (2) In addition to salary, all districts may provide by resolution for the payment of per diem compensation to each commissioner at a rate 14 15 not exceeding ((fifty)) seventy dollars for each day or major part 16 thereof devoted to the business of the district, and days upon which he 17 or she attends meetings of the commission of his or her district or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more districts 18 19 called to consider business common to them, but such compensation paid 20 during any one year to a commissioner shall not exceed ((seven)) nine thousand eight hundred dollars. Per diem compensation shall not be 21 paid for services of a ministerial or professional nature. 22
 - (3) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.
- (4) Each district commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his <u>or her</u> subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his <u>or her</u> place of residence.
- 34 (5) Any district providing group insurance for its employees, 35 covering them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide 36 insurance for its commissioner with the same coverage.
- 37 **Sec. 5.** RCW 57.12.010 and 1996 c 230 s 401 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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- The governing body of a district shall be a board of commissioners consisting of three members, or five members as provided in RCW 57.12.015, or more, as provided in the event of merger or consolidation. The board shall annually elect one of its members as president and another as secretary.
- The board shall by resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings shall be by resolution recorded in a book kept for that purpose which shall be a public record.
- A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of ((fifty)) seventy dollars for each day or portion thereof devoted to the business of the district. However the compensation for each commissioner shall not exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars per year. In addition, the secretary may be paid a reasonable sum for clerical services.
- Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during the commissioner's term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district at any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.
 - No commissioner shall be employed full time by the district. A commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with district business, including subsistence and lodging while away from the commissioner's place of residence and mileage for use of a privately-owned vehicle at the mileage rate authorized in RCW 43.03.060.

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- 30 **Sec. 6.** RCW 68.52.220 and 1994 c 223 s 77 are each amended to read 31 as follows:
- The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of cemetery district commissioners composed of three members. Members of the board ((shall receive no compensation for their services, but)) shall receive expenses necessarily incurred in attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district business. The board may provide, by resolution passed by the commissioners, for the payment of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of up to seventy dollars for

- 1 <u>each day or portion of a day devoted to the business of the district.</u>
- 2 <u>However</u>, the compensation for each commissioner must not exceed six
- 3 thousand seven hundred twenty dollars per year.

4 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months 5 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the 6 clerk of the board. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any 7 8 time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the 9 month or period of months for which it is made. 10 The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and other employees of the 11 district. Cemetery district commissioners and candidates for cemetery 12 13 district commissioner are exempt from the requirements of chapter 42.17

15 The initial cemetery district commissioners shall assume office immediately upon their election and qualification. Staggering of terms 16 17 of office shall be accomplished as follows: (1) The person elected receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a six-year 18 19 term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year or a five-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered 20 year; (2) the person who is elected receiving the next greatest number 21 of votes shall be elected to a four-year term of office if the election 22 is held in an odd-numbered year or a three-year term of office if the 23 24 election is held in an even-numbered year; and (3) the other person who 25 is elected shall be elected to a two-year term of office if the 26 election is held in an odd-numbered year or a one-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year. 27 The initial commissioners shall assume office immediately after they are elected 28 29 and qualified but their terms of office shall be calculated from the 30 first day of January after the election.

Thereafter, commissioners shall be elected to six-year terms of office. Commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified and assume office as provided in RCW 29.04.170.

The polling places for a cemetery district election may be located inside or outside the boundaries of the district, as determined by the auditor of the county in which the cemetery district is located, and no such election shall be held irregular or void on that account.

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Sec. 7. RCW 70.44.050 and 1985 c 330 s 7 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate of ((fifty)) seventy dollars for each day or portion thereof devoted to the business of the district, and days upon which he or she attends meetings of the commission of his or her own district, or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business common to them, except that the total compensation paid to such commissioner during any one year shall not exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars((: PROVIDED, That)). The commissioners may not be compensated for services performed of a ministerial or professional nature.

Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance for its commissioners with the same coverage. Each commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his or her subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his or her place of residence. No resolution shall be adopted without a majority vote of the whole commission. The commission shall organize by election of its own members of a president and secretary, shall by resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings of the commission shall be by motion or resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such purpose, which shall be public records.

Sec. 8. RCW 85.05.410 and 1991 c 349 s 20 are each amended to read 35 as follows:

Members of the board of diking commissioners of any diking district in this state may receive as compensation the sum of up to ((fifty)) seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the district and

for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their duties as commissioners, and shall receive the same compensation as other labor of a like character for all other necessary work or services performed in connection with their duties: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year, except when the commissioners declare an emergency. Allowance of such compensation shall be established and approved at regular meetings of the board, and when a copy of the extracts of minutes of the board meeting relative thereto showing such approval is certified by the secretary of such board and filed with the county auditor, the allowance made shall be paid as are other claims against the district.

Each commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's place of residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

Sec. 9. RCW 85.06.380 and 1991 c 349 s 21 are each amended to read as follows:

In performing their duties under the provisions of this title the board and members of the board of drainage commissioners may receive as compensation up to ((fifty)) seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the district and for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their duties as commissioners: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such services and compensation are allowed and approved at a regular meeting of the board. Upon the submission of a copy, certified by the secretary, of the extracts of the relevant minutes of the board showing such approval, to the county auditor, the same shall be paid as other claims against the district

are paid. Each commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's place of residence and mileage for use of a privately-owned vehicle in accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

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11 12 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

13 **Sec. 10.** RCW 85.08.320 and 1991 c 349 s 22 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

15 The compensation of the superintendent of construction, the board of appraisers hereinafter provided for, and any special engineer, 16 attorney or agent employed by the district in connection with the 17 18 improvement, the maximum wages to be paid, and the maximum price of materials to be used, shall be fixed by the district board of 19 Members of the board of supervisors may receive 20 supervisors. compensation up to ((fifty)) seventy dollars for attending each 21 official meeting of the district and for each day or major part thereof 22 23 for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their 24 duties as supervisors: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not 25 exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year. Each supervisor shall be entitled to reimbursement 26 27 for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with business, including subsistence and lodging while away from the supervisor's 28 29 place of residence and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in 30 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW. All costs of construction or maintenance done under the direction of the board of supervisors shall 31 be paid upon vouchers or payrolls verified by two of the said 32 33 supervisors. All costs of construction and all other expenses, fees 34 and charges on account of such improvement shall be paid by warrants drawn by the county auditor upon the county treasurer upon the proper 35 36 fund, and shall draw interest at a rate determined by the county 37 legislative authority until paid or called by the county treasurer as 38 warrants of the county are called.

Any supervisor may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the supervisor's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

8 **Sec. 11.** RCW 85.24.080 and 1991 c 349 s 23 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

The members of the board may receive as compensation up to 10 ((fifty)) seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the 11 district and for each day or major part thereof for all necessary 12 services actually performed in connection with their duties as 13 14 commissioners: PROVIDED, That such compensation shall not exceed 15 ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the board may fix a different 16 salary for the secretary thereof in lieu of the per diem. 17 18 commissioner is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, 19 subsistence and lodging, while away from the commissioner's place of 20 residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in 21 accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW. The salary and expenses shall be 22 23 paid by the treasurer of the fund, upon orders made by the board. Each 24 member of the board must before being paid for expenses, take vouchers 25 therefore from the person or persons to whom the particular amount was paid, and must also make affidavit that the amounts were necessarily 26 incurred and expended in the performance of his or her duties. 27

Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW to read as follows:

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The members of the governing body may each receive up to seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the governing body and for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their duties as a member. The governing body shall fix the compensation to be paid to the members, secretary, and all other agents and employees of the district. Compensation for the members shall not exceed six thousand seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year. A member is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including subsistence and lodging, while away from the member's place of residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

Any member may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the member's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

Sec. 13. RCW 86.09.283 and 1991 c 349 s 24 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

The board of directors may each receive up to ((fifty)) seventy dollars for attendance at official meetings of the board and for each day or major part thereof for all necessary services actually performed in connection with their duties as director. The board shall fix the compensation to be paid to the directors, secretary, and all other agents and employees of the district. Compensation for the directors shall not exceed ((four)) six thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in one calendar year. A director is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including subsistence and lodging, while away from the director's place of residence, and mileage for use of a privately owned vehicle in accordance with chapter 42.24 RCW.

Any director may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the director's election and prior to the

- 1 date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
- 2 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.
- 3 **Sec. 14.** RCW 87.03.460 and 1990 c 38 s 1 are each amended to read 4 as follows:
- 5 In addition to their reasonable expenses in accordance with chapter
- 6 42.24 RCW, the directors shall each receive an amount for attending
- 7 meetings and while performing other services for the district. The
- 8 amount shall be fixed by resolution and entered in the minutes of the
- 9 proceedings of the board. It shall not exceed ((fifty)) seventy
- 10 dollars for each day or portion thereof spent by a director for such
- 11 attendance or performance. The total amount of such additional
- 12 compensation received by a director may not exceed ((four)) six
- 13 thousand ((eight)) seven hundred twenty dollars in a calendar year.
- 14 The board shall fix the compensation of the secretary and all other
- 15 employees.
- 16 Any director may waive all or any portion of his or her
- 17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
- 18 <u>during his or her term of office</u>, by a written waiver filed with the
- 19 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
- 20 <u>must be filed any time after the director's election and prior to the</u>
- 21 date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
- 22 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.
- 23 **Sec. 15.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 1983 c 65 s 3 are each amended to read 24 as follows:
- Within sixty days of the establishment of the boundaries of the
- 26 public transportation benefit area the members of the county
- 27 legislative authority and the elected representative of each city
- 28 within the area shall provide for the selection of the governing body
- 29 of such area, the public transportation benefit area authority, which
- 30 shall consist of elected officials selected by and serving at the
- 31 pleasure of the governing bodies of component cities within the area
- 32 and the county legislative authority of each county within the area.
- 33 If at the time a public transportation benefit area authority assumes
- 34 the public transportation functions previously provided under the
- 35 Interlocal Cooperation Act (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen
- 36 positions on the governing board of the transit system, those positions

1 may be retained as positions on the governing board of the public 2 transportation benefit area authority.

Within such sixty-day period, any city may by resolution of its 3 4 body withdraw from participation in the transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority and each 5 city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may disapprove 6 7 and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a public 8 transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does not meet 9 its approval.

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In no case shall the governing body of a single county public transportation benefit area be greater than nine members and in the case of a multicounty area, fifteen members. Those cities within the transportation benefit area and excluded from direct membership on the authority are hereby authorized to designate a member of the authority who shall be entitled to represent the interests of such city which is excluded from direct membership on the authority. The legislative body of such city shall notify the authority as to the determination of its authorized representative on the authority.

Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to exceed forty-four dollars for each day during which the member attends official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed duties approved by the chairman of the authority. Except that the authority may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem compensation to each member from forty-four dollars up to seventy dollars per day or portion of a day for attendance at board meetings and for performance of other services on behalf of the authority. In no event may a member be compensated in any year for more than seventy-five days, except the chairman who may be paid compensation for not more than one hundred PROVIDED, That compensation shall not be paid to an elected official or employee of federal, state, or local government who is receiving regular full-time compensation from such government for attending meetings and performing prescribed duties of the authority.

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