

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5684

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PROCEDURES FOR DECREASING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 16, 1997

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5684** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

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State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by
Senators Horn, Haugen and Wood)

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1 AN ACT Relating to prescribing procedures for decreasing fire
2 protection district commissioners; and adding a new section to chapter
3 52.14 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 52.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Except as provided in RCW 52.14.020, in the event a five-member
8 board of commissioners of any fire protection district determines by
9 resolution that it would be in the best interest of the fire district
10 to decrease the number of commissioners from five to three, or in the
11 event the board is presented with a petition signed by ten percent of
12 the registered voters resident within the district who voted in the
13 last general municipal election calling for such a decrease in the
14 number of commissioners of the district, the board shall submit a
15 resolution to the county legislative authority or authorities of the
16 county or counties in which the district is located requesting that an
17 election be held. Upon receipt of the resolution, the legislative
18 authority or authorities of the county or counties shall call a special
19 election to be held within the fire protection district at which

1 election the following proposition shall be submitted to the voters
2 substantially as follows:

3 Shall the board of commissioners of county fire
4 protection district no. . . . be decreased from five members to three
5 members?

6 Yes . . .

7 No . . .

8 If the fire protection district has commissioner districts, the
9 commissioners of the district must pass a resolution, before the
10 submission of the proposition to the voters, to either redistrict from
11 five commissioner districts to three commissioner districts or
12 eliminate the commissioner districts. The resolution takes effect upon
13 approval of the proposition by the voters.

14 If the fire protection district is located in more than a single
15 county, this proposition shall indicate the name of the district.

16 If the proposition receives a majority approval at the election,
17 the board of commissioners of the fire protection district shall be
18 decreased to three members. The two members shall be decreased in
19 accordance with RCW 52.06.085.

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