

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2841

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to administering flood control zone districts.

Brief Description: Providing for flood control zone district administration.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, Hatfield, Schindler and Romero.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 2/5/04 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Delegates duties to a flood control zone district.
- Allows flood control zone districts with elected supervisors to appoint a county engineer to administer the affairs of the zone.
- Requires the county engineer to administer the affairs of the zone in flood control zone districts without elected supervisors.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; D. Simpson, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Jarrett, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Clibborn, Edwards, Ericksen, Mielke, Moeller and Upthegrove.

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7109).

Background:

Current law provides that the county commissioners of each county are, by virtue of their office, supervisors of the flood control zones created in their county. In any zone with more than two thousand residents, an election of supervisors other than the board of county commissioners may be held, subject to certain requirements.

Summary of Bill:

A flood control zone district has certain delegated duties.

Flood control zone districts with elected supervisors may appoint a county engineer to administer the affairs of the zone.

The county engineer must administer the affairs of the zone in flood control zone districts without elected supervisors.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Newly elected supervisors of flood control zone districts want the ability to choose whether to work with a county engineer or to contract for help administering their flood control zone districts.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: Jeff Rasmussen, Cowlitz County Commissioner; Brian Westmann, Lexington Flood Control Supervisor; and Donald MacDonald, Lexington Flood Control Supervisor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.