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By Representatives Clibborn, Nixon, Wallace, Edwards, Hunter, Lovick, Moeller, Upthegrove, Kagi and Hudgins

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1            AN ACT Relating to allowing special meetings to be called through  
2 electronic mail notice; and amending RCW 42.30.080.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.080 and 1971 ex.s. c 250 s 8 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding  
7 officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of  
8 the members of the governing body by delivering written notice  
9 personally ~~((or))~~, by mail ~~((written notice))~~, by fax, or by electronic  
10 mail to each member of the governing body; and to each local newspaper  
11 of general circulation and to each local radio or television station  
12 which has on file with the governing body a written request to be  
13 notified of such special meeting or of all special meetings. Such  
14 notice must be delivered personally ~~((or))~~, by mail, by fax, or by  
15 electronic mail at least twenty-four hours before the time of such  
16 meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify  
17 the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be  
18 transacted. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter  
19 at such meetings by the governing body. Such written notice may be

1 dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting  
2 convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the governing body a  
3 written waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by telegram, by  
4 fax, or electronic mail. Such written notice may also be dispensed  
5 with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the  
6 time it convenes. The notices provided in this section may be  
7 dispensed with in the event a special meeting is called to deal with an  
8 emergency involving injury or damage to persons or property or the  
9 likelihood of such injury or damage, when time requirements of such  
10 notice would make notice impractical and increase the likelihood of  
11 such injury or damage.

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