
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5457

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Morton and Benton)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to special meetings; and amending RCW 42.30.080.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.080 and 2005 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding
6 officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of
7 the members of the governing body ((by delivering written notice)). To
8 call the meeting, notice must be delivered personally, as follows:

9 (a) By mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of the
10 governing body; and to each local newspaper of general circulation and
11 to each local radio or television station which has on file with the
12 governing body a written request to be notified of such special meeting
13 or of all special meetings; and

14 (b) If the voting district for the governing body has fewer than
15 one thousand registered voters, individuals residing in the district
16 who have a written request to be notified of special meetings on file
17 with the governing body may receive such notice by fax, electronic
18 mail, or telephonic message. ((Such))

1 (2) Notice must be delivered (~~((personally, by mail, by fax, or by~~
2 ~~electronic mail))~~) at least twenty-four hours before the time of such
3 meeting as specified in the notice.

4 (3) The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the
5 special meeting and the business to be transacted. Final disposition
6 shall not be taken on any other matter at such meetings by the
7 governing body. (~~Such written~~)

8 (4)(a) Notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or
9 prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or
10 secretary of the governing body a written waiver of notice. (~~Such~~)
11 The waiver may be given by telegram, by fax, or electronic mail.
12 (~~Such written~~)

13 (b) Notice may (~~also~~) be dispensed with as to any member who is
14 actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. (~~The~~)

15 (c) Notice(~~s provided in this section~~) may be dispensed with in
16 the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency
17 involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of
18 such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make
19 notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or
20 damage.

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