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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5355

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By Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections  
(originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Swecker, and Honeyford)

READ FIRST TIME 01/13/12.

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  
8 personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of  
9 the governing body(~~+~~and)). Written notice shall be deemed waived in  
10 the following circumstances:

11 (a) A member submits a written waiver of notice with the clerk or  
12 secretary of the governing body at or prior to the time the meeting  
13 convenes. A written waiver may be given by telegram, fax, or  
14 electronic mail; or

15 (b) A member is actually present at the time the meeting convenes.

16 (2) Notice of a special meeting called under subsection (1) of this  
17 section shall be:

18 (a) Delivered to each local newspaper of general circulation and

1 ((~~to each~~)) local radio or television station ((~~which~~)) that has on  
2 file with the governing body a written request to be notified of such  
3 special meeting or of all special meetings;

4 (b) Posted on the agency's web site, if any; and

5 (c) Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's  
6 principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the  
7 agency's principal location.

8 Such notice must be delivered ((~~personally, by mail, by fax, or by~~  
9 ~~electronic mail~~)) or posted, as applicable, at least twenty-four hours  
10 before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.

11 (3) The call and notices required under subsections (1) and (2) of  
12 this section shall specify the time and place of the special meeting  
13 and the business to be transacted. Final disposition shall not be  
14 taken on any other matter at such meetings by the governing body.  
15 ((~~Such written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or~~  
16 ~~prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or~~  
17 ~~secretary of the governing body a written waiver of notice. Such~~  
18 ~~waiver may be given by telegram, by fax, or electronic mail. Such~~  
19 ~~written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is~~  
20 ~~actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.~~))

21 (4) The notices provided in this section may be dispensed with in  
22 the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency  
23 involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of  
24 such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make  
25 notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or  
26 damage.

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