
SENATE BILL 5122

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By Senators Takko and Rivers

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire commissioner compensation; and amending
2 RCW 52.14.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.14.010 and 2012 c 174 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of fire
7 commissioners composed initially of three registered voters residing
8 in the district except as provided in RCW 52.14.015 and 52.14.020.
9 Each member shall each receive one hundred four dollars per day or
10 portion thereof, not to exceed nine thousand nine hundred eighty-four
11 dollars per year, for time spent in actual attendance at official
12 meetings of the board or in performance of other services or duties
13 on behalf of the district.

14 In addition, they shall receive necessary expenses incurred in
15 attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district
16 business, and shall be entitled to receive the same insurance
17 available to all firefighters of the district: PROVIDED, That the
18 premiums for such insurance, except liability insurance, shall be
19 paid by the individual commissioners who elect to receive it.

20 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
21 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months

1 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
2 secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,
3 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
4 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The
5 waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is
6 made.

7 The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and
8 all other agents and employees of the district. The board may, by
9 resolution adopted by unanimous vote, authorize any of its members to
10 serve as volunteer firefighters without compensation. A commissioner
11 actually serving as a volunteer firefighter may enjoy the rights and
12 benefits of a volunteer firefighter.

13 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be
14 adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every
15 five years, beginning (~~July 1, 2008~~) January 1, 2019, based upon
16 changes in the consumer price index during that time period.
17 "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that year's
18 annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for wage
19 earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of
20 labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the
21 bureau of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price
22 index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest
23 number of people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of
24 the state, and including all items shall be used for the adjustments
25 for inflation in this section. The office of financial management
26 must calculate the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office
27 of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register
28 at least one month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

29 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
30 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
31 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as
32 compensation for attending an official meeting or conducting official
33 services or duties while representing more than one of his or her
34 districts. However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem
35 compensation if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected
36 commissions.

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