

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2449

As of February 17, 2020

Title: An act relating to water-sewer district commissioner compensation.

Brief Description: Concerning water-sewer district commissioner compensation.

Sponsors: Representatives Griffey and Gregerson.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/20, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Local Government: 2/20/20.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the date the Office of Financial Management must begin adjusting the compensation threshold for inflation for water-sewer district commissioners to January 1, 2024.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: The governing body of a water-sewer district consists of three, five, or seven commissioners. The number of commissioners can be increased through a ballot measure, or by resolution if the district serves a sufficient number of customers. The number of commissioners can also be decreased through a ballot measure.

Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with district business, and are compensated for days spent in district meetings or performing other duties on behalf of the district. This compensation is capped in statute at \$90 per day and \$8,640 per year, however, every five years, beginning on July 1, 2008, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) must adjust the threshold amounts for inflation based on the consumer price index for wage earners and clerical workers, as compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. As of July 1, 2018, the new thresholds for commissioners are \$128 per day and \$12,288 per year.

Commissioners may waive any or all of the compensation they would be paid by filing a written waiver with the district.

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Summary of Bill: OFM must begin adjusting the compensation threshold for inflation for water-sewer district commissioners on January 1, 2024.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.