
SENATE BILL 5450

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By Senator Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to public hospital districts insurance coverage for
2 commissioners; and amending RCW 70.44.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.050 and 2008 c 31 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Each commissioner shall receive ninety dollars for each day or
7 portion thereof spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the
8 district commission, or in performance of other official services or
9 duties on behalf of the district, to include meetings of the commission
10 of his or her own district, or meetings attended by one or more
11 commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business
12 common to them, except that the total compensation paid to such
13 commissioner during any one year shall not exceed eight thousand six
14 hundred forty dollars. The commissioners may not be compensated for
15 services performed of a ministerial or professional nature.

16 Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her
17 compensation payable under this section as to any month or months
18 during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the
19 district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective,

1 must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to
2 the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver
3 shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

4 Any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering
5 them, their immediate family, and dependents, may provide insurance for
6 its commissioners with ~~((the same))~~ similar coverage. Each
7 commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually
8 incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his
9 or her subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his or her
10 place of residence. No resolution shall be adopted without a majority
11 vote of the whole commission. The commission shall organize by
12 election of its own members of a president and secretary, shall by
13 resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and
14 shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings of the commission shall
15 be by motion or resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such
16 purpose, which shall be public records.

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

33 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
34 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
35 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation
36 for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or
37 duties while representing more than one of his or her districts.

1 However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation
2 if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected commissions.

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