



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning
ECAF: 21-0158
Proposal: Mot. 21-153

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Date: April 13, 2021

Consideration

Council consideration is requested to approve proposed Motion 21-153, calling for a special election relating to an increase in the number of commissioners on the Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5.

Background

[RCW 52.14.015](#) outlines the process for a Fire District who wishes to increase the number of commissioners from three (3) to five (5). That Fire District can either determine by resolution that it is in the best interest of the district to increase the number of commissioners. If a resolution is passed, the board shall submit a resolution to the county legislative authority who shall call a special election to be held within the fire protection district.

On March 22, 2021, Fire District 5 passed a resolution requesting a special election to increase their commissioners to five (5). The Snohomish County Auditor's Office received the resolution on March 26, 2021.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 21-153 calls for the special election as required by RCW 52.14.015. It also indicates that the Fire District is liable for the proportionate cost of holding the special election as indicated in [RCW 29A.04.410](#).

Duration: Action must be taken by council before May 14 in order to meet the deadline for the August 3, 2021 primary.

Fiscal Implications: No impacts to the County. Approximate cost to the Fire District is \$5,500.

2021 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: N/A.

Executive Recommendation: N/A.

Analysis: This motion is consistent with RCW and prior council actions.

Attachments: Fire District 5 Resolution

Amendments: NONE

Request: Move to GLS on May 5, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.