

CHAPTER 55
[Engrossed House Bill No. 134]
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS--
COMPOSITION OF BOARD
PURSUANT TO MERGER

AN ACT Relating to fire protection districts; and adding a new section to chapter 52.24 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 52.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever two fire protection districts merge, the board of fire commissioners of the merged fire protection district shall consist of the six of the original fire commissioners. At the next three elections for fire commissioners the number of fire commissioners for the merged district shall be reduced from six to five commissioners at the first election, from five to four commissioners in the second election, and from four to three commissioners in the third election and thereafter, the board of fire commissioners shall remain at three fire commissioners. In order to achieve this prescribed reduction of fire commissioners for the merged district, at each of the three elections referred to herein there shall be elected only one fire commissioner instead of two and thereafter, fire commissioners shall be elected in the same number as is prescribed for all of the fire protection districts of this state.

Whenever more than two fire protection districts merge, the board of fire commissioners shall consist of one commissioner from each of the original districts to be selected by the commissioners from each such original district. At the time of the next general election occurring thirty or more days after the merger, three commissioners shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of six years, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for a term of four years, and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years. Thereafter fire commissioners shall be elected in the same manner as is prescribed for all fire protection districts of this state.

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