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By Representatives Griffey and Springer

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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