

Resolution 2015-1
Elimination of Commissioner Districts

Whereas the Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW) provides for the elimination of port commissioner districts, and

Whereas the statute reads as follows:

RCW 53.12.021

Elimination of commissioner districts.

Any less than countywide port district that uses commissioner districts may cease using commissioner districts as provided in this section.

A ballot proposition authorizing the elimination of commissioner districts shall be submitted to the voters of a less than countywide port district that is divided into commissioner districts if (1) a petition is submitted to the port commission proposing that the port district cease using commissioner districts, that is signed by registered voters of the port district equal in number to at least ten percent of the number of voters who voted at the last district general election; or (2) the port commissioners adopt a resolution proposing that the port district cease using commissioner districts. The port commission shall transfer the petition or resolution immediately to the county auditor who shall, when a petition is submitted, review the signatures and certify its sufficiency. A ballot proposition authorizing the elimination of commissioner districts shall be submitted at the next district general election occurring sixty or more days after a petition with sufficient signatures was submitted. If the ballot proposition authorizing the port district to cease using commissioner districts is approved by a simple majority vote, the port district shall cease using commissioner districts at all subsequent elections.

[1994 c 223 § 82.]

And Whereas the Port of Illahee is a small port district within Kitsap County, extending 3 miles along the waterfront and extending approximately 1 mile inland, and


Whereas the precedent has been set in Kitsap County in 1996-1998 when the Ports of Manchester, Keyport, Poulsbo, and Eglon eliminated their district boundaries in favor of at-large representation, and

Whereas there have been discussions of the advantages and disadvantages of changing from district to at-large representation, and

Whereas the advantages of at-large representation are determined to outweigh the disadvantages, and

Therefore, the Port of Illahee adopts Resolution 2015-1, requesting that the Port cease using commissioner districts, and a ballot proposition authorizing the elimination of commissioner districts be submitted at the next district general election.


Commissioner Schaefer


Commissioner Aho


Commissioner Magill