

## **ALTERNATIVE METHOD:**

This method of district formation is authorized by Chapter 36.88.065 RCW. The law authorizes use of the formation procedures set forth in Chapter 35.43 RCW. This method of district formation is also employed by cities in the State of Washington. Using this method, the Board of County Commissioners adopts a Resolution of Intention which states it is their intention to form a Road Improvement District (RID). They set a date, time, and place for a public hearing. They direct that notice of the public hearing, a copy of the resolution of intention and an estimated assessment be sent to all property owners within the district. The Board holds the public hearing and takes all relevant testimony. If they find that the district is feasible they will pass a resolution forming the district. After adoption of this resolution the property owners are given a 30-day period during which they may write letters protesting district formation. If protests representing 60% of the total estimated assessment for the district are received the Commissioners may not proceed with the district. The district is divested by protest. Notice of this opportunity to protest is sent with the notice of the public hearing. As a courtesy, the County Engineer also sends a reminder to each property owner a couple of days after the public hearing. This reminder notifies them that if they choose to protest, the protest must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on a day which is 30 days after the date of public hearing. If the district is not divested the Board directs the County Engineer to proceed with construction of the project.

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