

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

VACANCIES

Purpose:

To establish the process for filling a Board of Commissioners vacancy

References:

- RCW 42.12.070 Vacancies--Procedure for filling
RCW 52.14.050 Vacancies
RCW 29A.24.171 Vacancies in Office
RCW 29A.24.181 Regular filing period – Voids in candidacy

Policy:

The Board of Commissioners shall fill a vacancy on the Board by appointment. The Board shall give public notice that it is seeking an appointment, accept applications, and appoint a new Commissioner within ninety days of vacancy. The appointed Commissioner shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. If the Board fails to fill the vacancy within the ninety day period, the county legislative authority shall make the appointment.

If there is more than one vacancy, and two or more Commissioners remain in office, the remaining Commissioners shall appoint a qualified person to fill one of the vacancies. Each newly appointed Commissioner shall then participate with the remaining Commissioners in the appointment process until all vacancies are filled. If less than two Commissioners remain in office, the county legislative authority shall appoint a qualified person or persons to the Board until two Commissioners are appointed.

An appointee shall meet the requirements provided by law and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled District election after occurrence of the vacancy at which time a Commissioner shall be elected for the unexpired term.

If a Commissioner is absent from the District for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, unless by permission of the Board, the office shall be declared vacant by the Board. However, such an action shall not be taken unless the Commissioner is notified in writing after two consecutive unexcused absences that the position will be declared vacant if the Commissioner is absent without being excused from the next regularly scheduled meeting.

