

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION)
OF FREEHOLDERS TO FRAME A HOME) R E S O L U T I O N
RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM)
COUNTY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION) CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION
HELD NOVEMBER 8, 1977)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority granted in Amendment 21 to the Washington State Constitution, amending Article XI, Section 4, of the State Constitution, the Board of Whatcom County Commissioners, as the legislative authority of Whatcom County, hereby calls a special election to be held November 8, 1977, in conjunction with the general election, for the election of twenty-one freeholders of Whatcom County, to convene according to law and to frame a proposed county charter to be later submitted to a vote of the people.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the action of this Board taken on May 2, 1977, twenty-one freeholders are to be elected to prepare and propose a charter for Whatcom County.

SECTION 3. The Board has determined and hereby confirms its determination that the most appropriate apportionment of the twenty-one freeholders will be effected by representation of seven freeholders from each of the three County Commissioner Districts. This method most nearly allocates the freeholder positions in proportion to population.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the Twenty-first Amendment to the Washington State Constitution, the following procedure is prescribed for the nomination of qualified electors as candidates to the board of freeholders:

- (1) Each of the freeholder positions shall be assigned a number by the County Auditor, commencing with position number one.
- (2) There shall be seven freeholder positions in each of the three county commissioner districts.
 - a. Commissioner District No. 1 is allocated freeholder positions number one through seven, respectively.

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b. Commissioner District No. 2 is allocated freeholder positions number eight through fifteen, respectively.

c. Commissioner District No. 3 is allocated freeholder positions number sixteen through twenty-one, respectively.

- (3) Each position shall be dealt with as a separate office for all election purposes.
- (4) Each qualified candidate may file for one, but only one, position.
- (5) Each qualified voter may vote for twenty-one freeholders, seven in each commissioner district.
- (6) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in each position shall be deemed elected.

SECTION 5. The special election hereby called shall be conducted by the Whatcom County Auditor as ex-officio Supervisor of County Elections, and the results shall be canvassed and certified in accordance with the election laws. Nominations shall be as provided by law and the positions shall be considered non-partisan.

DONE IN REGULAR OPEN SESSION this 20th day of July, 1977.

BOARD OF WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

C. J. Johnson
CHAIRMAN

W. J. Whelan
COMMISSIONER

James A. Hays
COMMISSIONER

Attest:
Wella Hansen, County Auditor and ex-officio Clerk of the Board.

by: Carol E. Bergerson
Deputy

Approved as to form:

William A. Gardiner
WILLIAM A. GARDINER
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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