

---

SENATE BILL 5522

---

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2015 Regular Session

By Senators Sheldon and Rivers

Read first time 01/23/15. Referred to Committee on Government Operations & State Security.

1 AN ACT Relating to lake water quality districts; and amending RCW  
2 85.38.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 85.38.010 and 1991 c 349 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter:

8 (1) "Governing body" means the board of commissioners, board of  
9 supervisors, or board of directors of a special district.

10 (2) "Owner of land" means the record owner of at least a majority  
11 ownership interest in a separate and legally created lot or parcel of  
12 land, as determined by the records of the county auditor, except that  
13 if the lot or parcel has been sold under a real estate contract, the  
14 vendee or grantee shall be deemed to be the owner of such land for  
15 purposes of authorizing voting rights. It is assumed, unless shown  
16 otherwise, that the name appearing as the owner of property on the  
17 property tax rolls is the current owner.

18 (3) "Qualified voter of a special district" means a person who is  
19 either: (a) A natural person who is a voter under general state  
20 election laws, registered to vote in the state of Washington for a  
21 period of not less than thirty days before the election, and the

1 owner of land located in the special district for a period of not  
2 less than thirty days before the election; (b) a corporation or  
3 partnership that has owned land located in the special district for a  
4 period of not less than sixty days before the election; or (c) the  
5 state, its agencies or political subdivisions that own land in the  
6 special district or lands proposed to be annexed into the special  
7 district except that the state, its agencies and political  
8 subdivisions shall not be eligible to vote to elect a member of the  
9 governing board of a special district.

10 (4) "Special district" means: (a) A diking district; (b) a  
11 drainage district; (c) a diking, drainage, and/or sewerage  
12 improvement district; (d) an intercounty diking and drainage  
13 district; (e) a consolidated diking district, drainage district,  
14 diking improvement district, and/or drainage improvement district;  
15 ~~((e))~~ (f) a flood control district; or (g) a lake water quality  
16 district.

17 (5) "Special district general election" means the election of a  
18 special district regularly held on the first Tuesday after the first  
19 Monday in February in each even-numbered year at which a member of  
20 the special district governing body is regularly elected.

--- END ---