

FAQ

Summit Lake Special Election, Aug 6, 2019

What are the requirements to vote on the proposed special district?

A person must own property within the boundaries of the proposed district and be a registered voter in Washington State. *RCW 85.38.010*

Why is the proposition not on my Primary ballot?

Special district elections are governed by different laws. Since the election is based on property ownership, the proposition must have its own ballot. *RCW 38.38 & 29A.04.330*

Does each property owner get one vote?

Votes (ballots) are based on the size of the property. The owner of each parcel will receive 2 votes for every 10 acres of that parcel, up to a maximum amount of 40 votes. *RCW 85.08.025*

I'm not a registered voter in Thurston County, how will I receive my ballot?

A ballot packet will be sent to the mailing address on record with the Assessor's office.

How will my spouse and I vote?

Land that is owned as community property entitles each spouse to one vote (number of votes determined by parcel acreage). *RCW 85.38.105*

My spouse does not want to vote on the proposition. What happens to that vote?

A spouse may designate the other spouse to vote that ballot. A designation form is included with the ballot packet. *RCW 85.38.105*

Do I need to put a stamp on my return ballot?

No stamp needed; postage is paid! You can also use one of our 28 drop boxes located throughout the county

If the proposition passes, how will the Board of Commissioners be formed?

The Thurston County Board of Commissioners will appoint a 3-member board to the District. The 3 positions will appear on the next Special District General Election. *RCW 85.38.070*

Do I have to request a ballot for the commissioner election?

Eligible voters (property owners in the district and registered in Washington State) will be mailed a ballot.