WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-13A-4

§16-13A-4. Board chairman; members' compensation; procedure; district name.

(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board and may vote as any other member of the board. If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the remaining members may select a temporary chairman and if the member selected as chairman resigns as such or ceases for any reason to be a member of the board, the board shall select one of its members as chairman to serve until the next annual organization meeting.

(b) Salaries of the board members are:

(1) For districts with fewer than six hundred customers, up to $100 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $75 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $2,000 per annum;

(2) For districts with six hundred customers or more but fewer than two thousand customers, up to $125 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $100 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $3,250 per annum;

(3) For districts with two thousand customers or more, but fewer than four thousand customers, up to $150 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $100 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $4,500 per annum; and

(4) For districts with four thousand or more customers, up to $200 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $150 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $6,400 per annum.

The public service district shall certify the number of customers served to the Public Service Commission on July 1 of each fiscal year.

(c) Public service districts selling water to other water utilities for resale or public service districts which provide sewer treatment for other sewer utilities may adopt the following salaries for its board members:

(1) For districts with annual revenues of less than $50,000, up to $100 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $75 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $2,000 per annum;

(2) For districts with annual revenues of $50,000 or more, but less than $250,000, up to $125 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $100 per attendance at special meetings, total salary not to exceed $3,250 per annum;

(3) For districts with annual revenues of $250,000 or more, but less than $500,000, up to $150 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $100 per attendance at additional

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special meetings, total salary not to exceed $4,500 per annum; and

(4) For districts with annual revenues of $500,000 or more, up to $200 per attendance at regular monthly meetings and $150 per attendance at additional special meetings, total salary not to exceed $6,400 per annum.

The public service district shall certify the number of customers served and its annual revenue to the Public Service Commission on July 1 of each fiscal year.

(d) Board members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties as provided by the rules of the board. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, board members are not eligible for salary payment or reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to the public service district initiating service to its first customer. Salary and reimbursement for expenses may be incurred only at meetings occurring after the public service district initiated service to customers.

(e) The board shall by resolution determine its own rules of procedure, fix the time and place of its meetings and the manner in which special meetings may be called. Public notice of meetings shall be given in accordance with section three, article nine-a, chapter six of this code. Emergency meetings may be called as provided by that section. A majority of the members constituting the board also constitute a quorum to do business.

(f) The members of the board are not personally liable or responsible for any obligations of the district or the board, but are answerable only for willful misconduct in the performance of their duties. The county commission which created a district or county commissions if more than one created the district may, upon written request of the district, adopt an order changing the official name of a public service district: Provided, That the name change will not be effective until approved by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia and the owners of any bonds and notes issued by the district, if any, shall have consented, in writing, to the name change. If a district includes territory located in more than one county, the county commission or county commissions changing the name of the district shall provide any county commission into which the district also extends with a certified copy of the order changing the name of the district. The official name of any district created under the provisions of this article may contain the name or names of any city, incorporated town or other municipal corporation included therein or the name of any county or counties in which it is located.

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