

# Enrolled Senate Bill 691

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS

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AN ACT

Relating to organizational meetings in irrigation districts; amending ORS 545.181 and 545.185.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 545.181 is amended to read:

545.181. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section**, on the first Tuesday in January next following their election, the board of directors shall meet and organize as a board. In organizing as a board, the directors shall:

*[(a) Elect a president from their number and appoint a secretary, who shall each hold office during the pleasure of the board.]*

**(a) Elect a president from among the directors and appoint a secretary, who may be a director or the manager of the district.**

(b) Establish the time for regular monthly meetings of the board as required under ORS 545.185.

(c) Establish, **by resolution**, the date of the next annual **organizational** meeting of the district.

(d) Establish the date the board shall next meet as a board of equalization under ORS 545.418.

**(2) The board of directors may, by resolution, establish a different date in January for the annual organizational meeting.**

*[(2)]* **(3)** The county treasurer of the county in which the petition for the organization of the district was filed shall be ex officio treasurer of the district. Any moneys collected by other county treasurers on behalf of the district shall be transmitted to the district treasurer, together with a statement specifying the fund into which it is to be deposited. However, if the secretary of the irrigation district is authorized to collect operation and maintenance assessments or emergency assessments, as provided in this chapter, the secretary shall disburse the assessment moneys upon orders of the board of directors of the district. Any county treasurer having custody or control of funds of an irrigation district shall be responsible for them on the official bond as county treasurer.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 545.185 is amended to read:

545.185. The board of directors shall hold a regular monthly meeting in its office. The time of the regular monthly meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the board at the regular annual **organizational** meeting required by ORS 545.181. Special meetings required for the proper transaction of business may be held when called by the president or ordered by a majority of the board, by an order entered in the records of the board. Five days' notice of the special meeting must be given by the secretary to each member not joining in the order. The order must specify the business to be transacted, and business other than that specified may not be transacted at the special meeting, unless all the members are present. All meetings of the board must be public, and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, on all questions re-

quiring a vote there shall be concurrence of a majority of the board. All records of the board shall be open to public inspection during business hours.

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

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