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LAKE WILLIAMS BEACH ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT) VOTING REQUIREMENTS

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You wanted to know if people belonging to the Lake Williams Beach Association receive one vote for each parcel they own. The Office of Legislative Research cannot give legal opinions, and this memo should not be regarded as one.

SA 53-214, which authorizes and organizes the Lake Williams Beach Association, appears to give each property owner one vote regardless of how many parcels he owns (Attachment 1). While it does not explicitly say this, its plain language suggests it. The act contains no provision giving each owner one vote for each parcel he owns. Its voting rights section allows people to vote if they own land, but makes no mention of the number or size of the parcels they own: "Any owner of record of land within the limits of said association shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of said association..." (§ 9).