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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1927**

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Nelson, Brough, Haugen and Holland).

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1            AN ACT Relating to metropolitan municipal corporations; amending  
2 RCW 36.56.010 and 36.56.040; and repealing RCW 36.56.020, 36.56.030,  
3 and 36.56.900.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.56.010 and 1977 ex.s. c 277 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (~~Any class AA or class A county in which a metropolitan municipal~~  
8 ~~corporation has been established pursuant to chapter 35.58 RCW with~~  
9 ~~boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the county may by~~  
10 ~~ordinance or resolution, as the case may be, of the county legislative~~  
11 ~~authority~~)) On April 3, 1992, a county with a population of one million  
12 or more that is coterminous with a metropolitan municipal corporation  
13 shall assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of such  
14 metropolitan municipal corporation in accordance with the provisions of  
15 this (~~1977 amendatory act~~)) chapter, if the county operates under a

1 county "home rule" charter containing provisions providing a mechanism  
2 for city governments within the county to have a role in regional  
3 decisions within the county. The definitions contained in RCW  
4 35.58.020 shall be applicable to this chapter.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.56.040 and 1977 ex.s. c 277 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((If, from the testimony given before the county legislative~~  
8 ~~authority, it appears that the public interest or welfare would be~~  
9 ~~satisfied by the county assuming the rights, powers, functions, and~~  
10 ~~obligations of the metropolitan municipal corporation, the county~~  
11 ~~legislative authority may declare that to be its intent and assume such~~  
12 ~~rights, powers, functions, and obligations by ordinance or resolution,~~  
13 ~~as the case may be, providing that the county shall be vested with~~  
14 ~~every right, power, function, and obligation currently granted to or~~  
15 ~~possessed by the metropolitan municipal corporation pursuant to chapter~~  
16 ~~35.58 RCW (including RCW 35.58.273 relating to levy and use of the~~  
17 ~~motor vehicle excise tax) or other provision of state law, including~~  
18 ~~but not limited to, the power and authority to levy a sales and use tax~~  
19 ~~pursuant to chapter 82.14 RCW or other provision of law: PROVIDED,~~  
20 ~~That such ordinance or resolution shall be submitted to the voters of~~  
21 ~~the county for their adoption and ratification or rejection, and if a~~  
22 ~~majority of the persons voting on the proposition residing within the~~  
23 ~~central city shall vote in favor thereof and a majority of the persons~~  
24 ~~voting on the proposition residing in the metropolitan area outside of~~  
25 ~~the central city shall vote in favor thereof, the ordinance or~~  
26 ~~resolution shall be deemed adopted and ratified.))~~

27 Upon assumption of the rights, powers, functions, and obligations  
28 of the metropolitan municipal corporation by the county, the  
29 metropolitan council established pursuant to the provisions of RCW

1 35.58.120 through 35.58.160 shall be abolished, said provisions shall  
2 be inapplicable to the county, and the county legislative authority  
3 shall thereafter be vested with all rights, powers, duties, and  
4 obligations otherwise vested by law in the metropolitan council:  
5 PROVIDED, That in any county with a home rule charter such rights,  
6 powers, functions, and obligations shall vest in accordance with the  
7 executive and legislative responsibilities defined in such charter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
9 each repealed:

10 (1) RCW 36.56.020 and 1977 ex.s. c 277 s 2;

11 (2) RCW 36.56.030 and 1977 ex.s. c 277 s 3; and

12 (3) RCW 36.56.900 and 1977 ex.s. c 277 s 14.