
HOUSE BILL 1927

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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~~

1 this (~~(1977 amendatory act)~~) chapter. The definitions contained in RCW
2 35.58.020 shall be applicable to this chapter.

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

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

25 Upon assumption of the rights, powers, functions, and obligations
26 of the metropolitan municipal corporation by the county, the
27 metropolitan council established pursuant to the provisions of RCW
28 35.58.120 through 35.58.160 shall be abolished, said provisions shall
29 be inapplicable to the county, and the county legislative authority

1 shall thereafter be vested with all rights, powers, duties, and
2 obligations otherwise vested by law in the metropolitan council:
3 PROVIDED, That in any county with a home rule charter such rights,
4 powers, functions, and obligations shall vest in accordance with the
5 executive and legislative responsibilities defined in such charter.

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

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

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

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