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**SENATE BILL 5113**

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1 AN ACT Relating to the township organization of counties; amending  
2 RCW 45.04.010, 45.12.030, 84.52.052, and 29.04.010; adding a new  
3 chapter to Title 45 RCW; creating a new section; recodifying RCW  
4 45.04.010, 45.12.030, and 45.80.010; and repealing RCW 45.04.020,  
5 45.04.030, 45.08.010, 45.08.020, 45.08.060, 45.08.070, 45.08.080,  
6 45.08.090, 45.12.010, 45.12.020, 45.12.021, 45.12.040, 45.12.050,  
7 45.12.060, 45.12.070, 45.12.080, 45.12.090, 45.12.100, 45.12.110,  
8 45.12.120, 45.12.130, 45.12.140, 45.12.150, 45.12.160, 45.12.170,  
9 45.12.180, 45.12.190, 45.12.200, 45.12.210, 45.12.220, 45.12.230,  
10 45.12.240, 45.16.010, 45.16.020, 45.16.030, 45.16.035, 45.16.040,  
11 45.16.060, 45.16.070, 45.16.080, 45.16.090, 45.16.100, 45.16.110,  
12 45.16.120, 45.20.010, 45.20.020, 45.24.010, 45.24.040, 45.24.050,  
13 45.24.060, 45.28.010, 45.28.020, 45.28.030, 45.28.040, 45.28.050,  
14 45.28.060, 45.28.070, 45.28.100, 45.32.010, 45.32.020, 45.32.030,  
15 45.32.050, 45.32.060, 45.32.070, 45.32.080, 45.32.090, 45.36.010,  
16 45.36.020, 45.36.030, 45.40.010, 45.40.030, 45.44.010, 45.48.010,  
17 45.48.020, 45.48.030, 45.48.040, 45.52.010, 45.52.020, 45.52.030,  
18 45.52.040, 45.52.050, 45.52.060, 45.52.070, 45.52.080, 45.52.090,  
19 45.54.010, 45.54.020, 45.56.010, 45.56.040, 45.56.050, 45.56.070,  
20 45.56.080, 45.64.010, 45.64.020, 45.64.030, 45.64.040, 45.64.050,  
21 45.64.060, 45.64.070, 45.64.080, 45.72.010, 45.72.020, 45.72.030,

1 45.72.040, 45.72.050, 45.72.060, 45.72.070, 45.76.020, 45.76.030,  
2 45.76.040, 45.76.050, 45.76.060, 45.76.070, 45.76.080, 45.76.090,  
3 45.76.100, 45.80.020, 45.80.030, 45.80.040, 45.80.050, 45.80.060,  
4 45.80.070, 45.80.080, 45.80.100, 45.82.010, and 45.82.020.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to  
7 modernize the laws relating to the township organization of counties  
8 allowing townships to provide limited self government in the  
9 unincorporated area of a county.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly  
11 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout  
12 this chapter.

13 (1) "Board of supervisors," "township supervisors," or  
14 "supervisors" means the governing body of a township.

15 (2) "Rural township" means a township in a county that is required  
16 or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 that is located outside of an  
17 urban growth area.

18 (3) "Township zoning ordinance" means the zoning ordinance for a  
19 township that is adopted by township supervisors implementing the  
20 county comprehensive plan within the township.

21 (4) "Urban township" means a township in a county that is required  
22 or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 that is located within an urban  
23 growth area.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 45.04.010 and 1895 c 175 s 1 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 ~~VOTE TO CREATE TOWNSHIPS. ((When at least thirty days before a~~  
27 ~~general election one hundred or more qualified electors of any county~~  
28 ~~in this state present a petition in writing, signed by them, to the~~  
29 ~~board of county commissioners of their county, asking that the question~~  
30 ~~of township organization in said county be submitted to a vote of the~~  
31 ~~people at the next general election, it shall be the duty of said~~  
32 ~~commissioners to)) The county legislative authority of a county shall~~  
33 ~~submit the question of adopting township organization in ((said)) the~~  
34 ~~county to the ((vote of the electors thereof at the first)) voters of~~  
35 ~~the county at a state general election ((held after such petition is~~

1 ~~presented to said board of commissioners))~~ whenever either: (1)  
2 Petitions proposing that the county be organized into townships have  
3 been filed with the county legislative authority that are signed by  
4 county voters residing in the unincorporated area equal in number to at  
5 least ten percent of the number of voters voting in the unincorporated  
6 area of the county at the last state general election; or (2) the  
7 county legislative authority adopts a resolution proposing that the  
8 county be organized into townships. The county legislative authority  
9 shall transmit the petitions to the county auditor who shall review the  
10 signatures and certify the sufficiency of the petition. If the county  
11 auditor certifies the petitions as having sufficient valid signatures,  
12 a ballot proposition authorizing the township organization of the  
13 county shall be submitted to voters of the county at the next state  
14 general election occurring ninety or more days after the petitions were  
15 submitted.

16 The ballot proposition shall be worded substantially as follows:

17 "Shall ..... (insert the name of the county) adopt township  
18 organization?

19 YES .....

20 NO .....

21 If the ballot proposition is approved by a simple majority vote of  
22 county voters voting on the proposition, the county legislative  
23 authority shall organize the county into townships as provided in this  
24 chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. DIVISION OF UNINCORPORATED AREA INTO  
26 TOWNSHIPS. (1) The county legislative authority shall divide the  
27 unincorporated area of the county into townships if county voters  
28 approved the ballot proposition authorizing township organization.  
29 Effective on the official date of creating the townships, the act of  
30 dividing the unincorporated area of the county into townships shall  
31 merge fire protection districts into townships and remove territory  
32 from fire protection districts as provided in section 5 of this act.  
33 Effective on the official date of creating the townships, cities and

1 towns shall merge into the townships as provided in section 6 of this  
2 act.

3 Townships shall be officially created on the first day of January  
4 in the year two years after the year in which the election was held at  
5 which county voters authorized the township organization of the county.

6 (2) Every portion of the unincorporated area of the county must be  
7 included in a township. No city or town may be included in a township.  
8 Each township must have a population at least equal to the lesser of  
9 one thousand persons, twenty-five percent of the population of the  
10 total unincorporated area of the county, or the population of the  
11 unincorporated remaining in a single urban growth area. Each township  
12 shall be a single contiguous area whenever possible. The county  
13 legislative authority shall consider the following when drawing  
14 proposed township boundaries: (a) Existing and natural neighborhoods or  
15 communities; (b) use of natural and artificial boundaries, such as land  
16 contours; (c) logical service areas, especially service areas within  
17 which fire protection district services and facilities are provided in  
18 an efficient manner; (d) patterns of development and projected  
19 development; and (e) other relevant criteria.

20 The county legislative authority shall hold public hearings in the  
21 unincorporated area of the county on the proposed township boundaries  
22 and take testimony prior to establishing township boundaries and shall  
23 designate a name for each township.

24 (3) In addition to the conditions detailed under subsection (2) of  
25 this section, a county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
26 36.70A.040 shall divide the unincorporated area of the county into  
27 urban townships and rural townships. No township in such a county may  
28 include areas inside and outside of an urban growth area designated  
29 under RCW 36.70A.110, except that such a county may create a single  
30 township encompassing all of an island that includes both areas inside  
31 and outside of an urban growth area. An urban township may not include  
32 territory that is located outside of an urban growth area designated  
33 under RCW 36.70A.110 in which it is located. A rural township may not  
34 include territory that is located inside of an urban growth area  
35 designated under RCW 36.70A.110.

36 (4) Any unincorporated area that is annexed by a city or town, or  
37 is incorporated as a city or town, shall be withdrawn from a township,  
38 effective when the annexation occurs or on the official date of the  
39 incorporation of the new city or town. During the transition period

1 for a new city or town, the voters of the new city or town shall not  
2 participate in township elections. Whenever a township is reduced in  
3 size to include less than the minimum required number of residents, the  
4 county legislative authority shall alter township boundaries and  
5 include the remaining portion of this township into one or more  
6 townships. An urban township that includes all of the unincorporated  
7 portion of an urban growth area shall not be combined into a rural  
8 township and may remain in existence with less than one thousand  
9 residents.

10 Periodically, the county legislative authority may review its  
11 system of townships and adjust township boundaries, eliminate  
12 townships, or establish new townships whenever the county legislative  
13 authority determines that such action is in the public interest.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** MERGING OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS INTO  
15 TOWNSHIPS AT THE TIME TOWNSHIPS ARE OFFICIALLY CREATED. (1) The county  
16 legislative authority of a county that has been authorized to adopt a  
17 township organization shall merge the fire protection districts that  
18 are totally located in the county into its townships. Whenever a fire  
19 protection district is located in both a county adopting a township  
20 organization and another county, the portion of the fire protection  
21 district that is located in the county adopting township organization  
22 shall be removed from the fire protection district and the removed area  
23 shall be under the control of one or more townships for purposes of the  
24 provision of fire protection district services and facilities.

25 The effective date of the mergers and withdrawals shall be the date  
26 townships are officially created. However, for purposes of RCW  
27 84.09.030, the boundaries of the affected taxing districts with  
28 boundaries that are adjusted by such actions shall be the first day in  
29 January in the year following the year in which the ballot proposition  
30 was approved authorizing the township organization of the county.

31 (2) On the date townships are officially created, any city or town  
32 that was annexed by such a fire protection district shall be removed  
33 from the fire protection district and shall not be part of the fire  
34 protection district merged into a township or townships, unless the  
35 city or town merges into townships under section 6 of this act.

36 For purposes of chapter 84.55 RCW, the property tax levy that is to  
37 be collected for a city or town that is removed from a fire protection  
38 district under this subsection, in the year in which the townships are

1 officially created, shall be determined as if the city or town never  
2 had been annexed by the fire protection district.

3 (3) A merging of fire protection districts into townships or  
4 withdrawal of territory from a fire protection district that occurs  
5 under this section, is not subject to chapter 36.93 RCW, including  
6 potential review by a boundary review board.

7 (4) All of the property, assets, and liabilities of the fire  
8 protection districts that are so merged into townships shall be  
9 transferred to a township or townships in an equitable manner, as  
10 determined by the county legislative authority.

11 A proportion of the property, assets, and liabilities of a fire  
12 protection district located in more than one county that has territory  
13 removed from it under this section, equal to the percentage of the  
14 assessed valuation that the removed area is out of the prior total  
15 assessed valuation of the fire protection district before the removal,  
16 shall be transferred in an equitable manner to a township or townships  
17 as determined by the county legislative authority of the county in  
18 which the townships are located.

19 The county legislative authority shall distribute a portion of the  
20 property, assets, and liabilities of a fire protection district to a  
21 city or town that is removed from a fire protection district under this  
22 section if the county legislative authority determines that such a  
23 distribution would be equitable. In lieu of distributing property,  
24 assets, and liabilities to such a city or town, the county legislative  
25 authority may require that a township provide fire protection district  
26 services to the city or town for a period of time at no cost.

27 The actions taken under this section shall not impair the rights of  
28 creditors.

29 (5) No elections may be held for a fire protection district that is  
30 merged into townships in the year prior to the official date of  
31 creating the townships and the voters of the fire protection district  
32 shall participate in electing the initial township supervisors if an  
33 election is necessary.

34 (6) The rights of civil service employees of a fire protection  
35 district, that is merged into a township or townships or which has  
36 territory removed from it under this section, to transfer employment  
37 from the fire protection district to a township shall be the same as  
38 provided under RCW 52.04.121 for city fire fighters transferring

1 employment from a city to a fire protection district that annexes the  
2 city.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** MERGING CITIES AND TOWNS INTO TOWNSHIPS AT  
4 THE TIME TOWNSHIPS ARE OFFICIALLY CREATED. (1) As provided in this  
5 section, any city or town that is completely located in a county that  
6 is organizing into townships may merge into a township or townships  
7 effective on the official date of creating the townships.

8 (2) A ballot proposition authorizing the merging of a city or town  
9 into a township or townships shall be submitted to the voters of a city  
10 or town at any special election held on the February, March, April, or  
11 May special election date in the year after the ballot proposition  
12 authorizing the township organization of a county is approved by county  
13 voters if either: (a) The city or town council adopts a resolution  
14 proposing the merger; or (b) a petition proposing the merger is  
15 submitted to the county legislative authority at least forty-five days  
16 prior to the special election date, that has been signed by city or  
17 town voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the number of  
18 city or town voters who voted at the last municipal general election.  
19 If the ballot proposition is approved by a simple majority vote of the  
20 city or town voters voting on the proposition, the city or town shall  
21 be merged into one or more townships as determined by the county  
22 legislative authority effective when the townships are officially  
23 created.

24 (3) The assets and liabilities of the city or town that are  
25 associated with its fire department shall be transferred to a township  
26 or townships in an equitable manner, as determined by the county  
27 legislative authority. RCW 35A.15.050 through 35A.15.100 shall apply  
28 to the distribution of all other assets and liabilities of the city or  
29 town. The actions taken under this section shall not impair the rights  
30 of creditors.

31 (4) No elections shall be held for such a city or town after the  
32 ballot proposition authorizing the merger of the city or town into the  
33 township is approved and the voters of the city or town shall  
34 participate in electing the initial township supervisors if an election  
35 is necessary.

36 (5) The merging of a city or town into townships that occurs under  
37 this section is not subject to chapter 36.93 RCW, including potential  
38 review by a boundary review board.

1 (6) The rights of civil service fire fighters of a city or town  
2 that is merged into townships under this section to transfer employment  
3 from the city or town to a township shall be the same as provided under  
4 RCW 52.04.121 for city fire fighters transferring employment from a  
5 city to a fire protection district that annexes the city.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS. Except as provided in  
7 section 8 of this act, each township shall be governed by a board of  
8 supervisors consisting of five, seven, or nine members, as determined  
9 by the county legislative authority for each different township.

10 Supervisors shall be elected to six-year terms of office at general  
11 elections held in the same year as the elections when members of the  
12 county legislative authority of the county normally are elected. On a  
13 five-member board of supervisors, the staggering of terms of office  
14 shall be accomplished so that one supervisor normally would be elected  
15 at a township general election, two supervisors normally would be  
16 elected at a second township general election, and two supervisors  
17 normally would be elected at a third township general election. On a  
18 seven-member board of supervisors, the staggering of terms of office  
19 shall be accomplished so that two supervisors normally would be elected  
20 at a township general election, two supervisors normally would be  
21 elected at a second township general election, and three supervisors  
22 normally would be elected at a third township general election. On a  
23 nine-member board of supervisors, the staggering of terms of office  
24 shall be accomplished so that three supervisors normally would be  
25 elected at each township general election. Candidates shall run for  
26 specific supervisor positions.

27 The county legislative authority shall increase the terms of office  
28 of each supervisor by one year if the voters of the county approve a  
29 county charter or charter amendment altering the year in which members  
30 of the county legislative authority normally are elected.

31 Except as provided in this chapter, elections in townships,  
32 including the election of supervisors as nonpartisan officials, shall  
33 be subject to general election laws.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** INITIAL SUPERVISORS. (1) The initial board  
35 of supervisors of a township shall consist of: (a) The fire  
36 commissioners of each fire protection district that merges into  
37 townships or has territory removed from it under section 5 of this act,

1 whose terms of office expire after the official date of creating the  
2 townships, reside in the township, and notify the county legislative  
3 authority of their intent to become supervisors; and (b) the mayor and  
4 councilmembers of each city or town that merges into the township under  
5 section 6 of this act, whose terms of office expire after the official  
6 date of creating the townships, reside in the township, and notify the  
7 county legislative authority of their intent to become supervisors.  
8 Fire commissioners shall provide the notice to the county legislative  
9 authority in writing within sixty days after the election at which  
10 county voters authorized the township organization of the county. City  
11 or town councilmembers and mayors shall provide notice to the county  
12 legislative authority in writing within sixty days of the election at  
13 which the merger of the city or town into the township is approved.

14 The terms of office of supervisors who become supervisors as a  
15 result of being fire commissioners, or city or town mayors or  
16 councilmembers, shall be the length of their remaining terms of office  
17 as fire commissioners, councilmembers, or mayors, if township  
18 supervisors in that county normally will be elected in odd-numbered  
19 years, or the length of their remaining terms of office as fire  
20 commissioners, councilmembers, or mayors, plus one year, if township  
21 supervisors in that county normally will be elected in even-numbered  
22 years.

23 (2) An additional initial supervisor or supervisors shall be  
24 elected in any township to bring the total number of initial  
25 supervisors to the number of supervisors designated for the township by  
26 the county legislative authority, if the number of fire commissioners  
27 and city or town mayors and councilmembers who assume office as initial  
28 supervisors is less than the number of supervisors designated for the  
29 township by the county legislative authority. A primary election shall  
30 be held on the September special election date, in the year following  
31 the year in which voters approved the ballot proposition authorizing  
32 township organization of the county, if needed, to nominate candidates  
33 for each additional supervisor position and a general election shall be  
34 held on the November special election date in the same year to elect  
35 the additional initial supervisor or supervisors. The initial terms of  
36 office of the newly elected initial supervisors shall be assigned by  
37 the county legislative authority so that approximately the same number  
38 of all the initial supervisors will have terms ending after the last  
39 day in December following each of the next three township general

1 elections. The initial elected supervisors receiving the greatest  
2 numbers of votes shall be assigned the longer terms of office, where  
3 differing terms of office are established.

4 (3) The terms of office of the initial supervisors of a township  
5 shall commence when the townships are officially created.

6 (4) If the number of fire commissioners and city or town  
7 councilmembers and mayors who assume office as initial supervisors of  
8 a township exceeds the number of supervisors that the county  
9 legislative authority designates for the board of supervisors, the  
10 number of supervisors shall be gradually reduced to the designated  
11 number of supervisors by electing a number of supervisors at the next  
12 three township general elections consistent with the staggering of  
13 terms that is provided in section 7 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** VACANCIES ON A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
15 Vacancies on a board of supervisors shall occur as provided in RCW  
16 42.12.010 and shall be filled as follows:

17 (1) Where one position is vacant, the remaining supervisors shall  
18 appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

19 (2) Where two or more positions are vacant and two or more  
20 supervisors remain in office, the remaining supervisors shall appoint  
21 a qualified person to fill one of the vacant positions, the remaining  
22 supervisors and the newly appointed supervisor shall appoint another  
23 qualified person to fill another vacancy, and so on until each of the  
24 vacant positions is filled with each of the new appointees  
25 participating in the appointment or appointments made after his or her  
26 appointment.

27 (3) Where less than two supervisors remain in office, the county  
28 legislative authority shall appoint a qualified person or persons to  
29 fill the vacancy or vacancies until the board of supervisors consists  
30 of two persons.

31 (4) If a board of supervisors fails to appoint a qualified person  
32 to fill a vacancy within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy,  
33 the authority to fill the vacancy shall vest in the county legislative  
34 authority and the county legislative authority shall appoint a  
35 qualified person to fill the vacancy.

36 (5) As provided in RCW 29.15.190 and 29.21.410, each appointed  
37 supervisor shall serve until a qualified person is elected at the next  
38 election at which a supervisor normally would be elected that occurs

1 twenty-eight or more days after the occurrence of the vacancy. If  
2 needed, special filing periods shall be authorized as provided in RCW  
3 29.15.170 and 29.15.180 for qualified persons to file for the vacant  
4 office. A primary shall be held to nominate candidates if sufficient  
5 time exists to hold a primary and more than two candidates file for the  
6 vacant position. Otherwise a primary shall not be held and the person  
7 receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. The person  
8 elected shall take office immediately and serve the remainder of the  
9 unexpired term. However, if an election for the vacant position would  
10 otherwise have been held at this election, only one election shall be  
11 held and the person who is elected shall be elected to both the  
12 remainder of the unexpired term and the succeeding term of office.

13 (6) No one shall be appointed to fill a vacancy on an initial board  
14 of supervisors consisting of more than the number of supervisors  
15 designated by the county legislative authority for that township as the  
16 result of fire commissioners and city or town mayors and councilmembers  
17 assuming office as supervisors or on a board of supervisors that is  
18 expanded to more than the designated number of supervisors for the  
19 township as the result of a city or town merging into an established  
20 township.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** COMPENSATION OF SUPERVISORS. The county  
22 legislative authority shall adopt a resolution providing for the  
23 payment or reimbursement of expenses that supervisors incur performing  
24 their official duties. The county legislative authority may adopt a  
25 resolution providing compensation for township supervisors at the same  
26 level in each township or at varied levels in different townships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND PUBLIC  
28 DISCLOSURE ACT. Among other general laws, a board of supervisors is  
29 subject to chapter 42.30 RCW, the open public meetings act, and chapter  
30 42.17 RCW, the public disclosure act.

31 **Sec. 12.** RCW 45.12.030 and 1895 c 175 s 12 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 REVERSAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL GENERAL GRANT OF HOME RULE POWERS. No  
34 ((town)) township shall possess or exercise any corporate powers except  
35 such as are enumerated in this chapter or are especially given by law  
36 or necessary to the exercise of the powers so enumerated or granted.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS.    A township is a  
2 body corporate, a municipal corporation, and shall possess all the  
3 usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, including, but not  
4 limited to, the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, enter  
5 into contracts, accept and expend or use gifts, grants, and donations,  
6 purchase or otherwise acquire materials, supplies, equipment, and real  
7 property, and sue or be sued, as well as any other powers that may now  
8 or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 14.**    TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCES.    The board of  
10 supervisors of each township shall adopt a township zoning ordinance as  
11 follows:

12        (1) Prior to the official date of creating the townships, the  
13 county legislative authority shall adopt an ordinance establishing  
14 policies and conditions that serve as an overall guide and framework  
15 for the development of proposed township zoning ordinances and may  
16 include factors and provisions of general importance that must be  
17 included in a proposed township zoning ordinance for any specific  
18 township. The county resolution shall provide for the coordination of  
19 a township zoning ordinance that is adopted by each urban township with  
20 the comprehensive plans of cities and towns and other urban townships  
21 located within the same urban growth area.

22        (2) Each township zoning ordinance shall implement and conform with  
23 the general county ordinance adopted under subsection (1) of this  
24 section and the county's comprehensive plan, which where applicable  
25 includes, but is not limited to, the designation of lands and areas  
26 under RCW 36.70A.170, conserving lands and protecting areas under RCW  
27 36.70A.060, retaining the urban nature of urban growth areas designated  
28 under RCW 36.70A.110 and the nonurban nature of areas outside of  
29 designated urban growth areas, and other actions taken by the county  
30 legislative authority under chapter 36.70A RCW. A township zoning  
31 ordinance shall not alter the county's shoreline master program.

32        A board of supervisors shall submit the proposed township zoning  
33 ordinance that it adopts to the county legislative authority for its  
34 review of the consistency of the proposed township zoning ordinance  
35 with the general county ordinance adopted under subsection (1) of this  
36 section and the county comprehensive plan. The county legislative  
37 authority shall either approve the proposed township zoning ordinance  
38 as adopted, or refer the proposed township zoning ordinance back to the

1 township supervisors with written findings specifying the  
2 inconsistencies, within ninety days after the proposed township zoning  
3 ordinance was submitted. The county zoning ordinances shall remain in  
4 effect in the township until the proposed township zoning ordinance is  
5 approved as provided in this subsection.

6 An approved township zoning ordinance in a county that is required  
7 or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 is subject to appeal to a  
8 growth planning hearings board under chapter 36.70A RCW.

9 (3) Each proposed amendment to an approved township zoning  
10 ordinance that is adopted by a board of supervisors shall be submitted  
11 to the county legislative authority for its review of the consistency  
12 of the amendment with the general county ordinance adopted under  
13 subsection (1) of this section and the county comprehensive plan. The  
14 county legislative authority shall either approve the proposed  
15 amendment as adopted or refer the proposed amendment back to the board  
16 of supervisors with written findings specifying the inconsistencies,  
17 within ninety days after the proposed amendment was submitted. The  
18 unamended township zoning ordinance shall remain in effect in the  
19 township until the proposed amendment has been approved as provided in  
20 this subsection.

21 An approved amendment to a township zoning ordinance in a county  
22 that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 is subject to  
23 potential appeal to a growth planning hearings board under chapter  
24 36.70A RCW.

25 (4) If the county legislative authority amends the county's  
26 comprehensive plan or the general county ordinance it adopted under  
27 subsection (1) of this section, each board of supervisors shall amend  
28 the township zoning ordinance to be consistent with the amended county  
29 comprehensive plan or amended general county ordinance. The county  
30 legislative authority may amend a township zoning ordinance to achieve  
31 consistency with the amended county comprehensive plan or amended  
32 general county ordinance to be in effect until proposed amendments to  
33 the township zoning ordinance that are adopted by the board of  
34 supervisors have been approved. Nothing in this subsection may  
35 preclude a board of supervisors from subsequently obtaining approval of  
36 its proposed amendments to the township zoning ordinance that is so  
37 altered by the county legislative authority.

38 (5) Approved township zoning ordinances shall be enforced by the  
39 county as if they had been adopted by the county legislative authority.

1 A board of supervisors shall not have the authority to take quasi-  
2 judicial actions or to decide permit applications. All quasi-judicial  
3 actions and permits relating to township zoning ordinances shall be  
4 made and decided by the county legislative authority or otherwise as  
5 provided by the county legislative authority.

6 (6) A township shall not hire staff to assist in performing its  
7 duties under this section. The county shall provide administrative  
8 support and staff support that is necessary for its townships to meet  
9 the requirements of this section and shall defend its townships in any  
10 lawsuit over the actions taken by the township under this section.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** TOWNSHIP POWERS OF A FIRE PROTECTION  
12 DISTRICT AND TO ACT AS A FORUM. (1) A township shall possess all of  
13 the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a fire protection district,  
14 including but not limited to, the powers to impose property tax levies  
15 and benefit charges. However, the authority of a township to incur  
16 indebtedness is limited by section 17 of this act.

17 (2) A board of supervisors shall act as a forum for the discussion  
18 of local issues.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** REGIONAL AUTHORITY OF COUNTY OVER FIRE  
20 PROTECTION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES. The county legislative authority  
21 of a county that is organized into townships may, in its sole  
22 discretion, adopt a resolution granting the county legislative  
23 authority the power to coordinate any of the fire protection district  
24 activities and facilities of its townships, including, but not limited  
25 to, the location and design of fire stations and other facilities,  
26 training of both paid and volunteer fire fighters, hazardous spill  
27 response, emergency medical response, and radio communication. The  
28 resolution may require that a small urban township contract with a city  
29 or town for the provision of fire protection services and facilities in  
30 the urban township.

31 In addition, the county legislative authority may, in its sole  
32 discretion, adopt a resolution granting to the county legislative  
33 authority the power to coordinate any of the activities of the cities  
34 and towns in the county relating to the same types of fire protection  
35 district activities and facilities that may be exercised by its  
36 townships and the funding of these activities and facilities.

1 The powers of any township, city, or town relating to such  
2 activities and facilities are subject to, and controlled by, the county  
3 legislative authority as provided in these resolutions.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS. A township may  
5 contract indebtedness or borrow money to finance the acquisition of  
6 materials, supplies, and equipment, as well as the acquisition,  
7 construction, and remodeling of facilities and real property,  
8 associated with its powers as a fire protection district, and may issue  
9 general obligation bonds for such purposes not exceeding an amount  
10 equal to three-eighths of one percent of the value of taxable property  
11 in the township without voter approval.

12 A township may contract indebtedness or borrow money to finance its  
13 capital purposes associated with its powers as a fire protection  
14 district, and may issue general obligation bonds for such purposes not  
15 exceeding an amount, together with any existing voter approved and  
16 nonvoter approved indebtedness of the township, equal to one and one-  
17 quarter percent of the value of the taxable property in the township  
18 and impose excess property tax levies to retire the general  
19 indebtedness as provided in RCW 39.36.050 if a ballot proposition  
20 authorizing both the indebtedness and excess levies is approved by at  
21 least three-fifths of the voters of the township voting on the  
22 proposition, and the total number of voters voting on the proposition  
23 constitutes not less than forty percent of the total number of voters  
24 in the township voting at the last preceding state general election.

25 The term "value of the taxable property" shall have the meaning set  
26 forth in RCW 39.36.015. General obligation bonds shall be issued and  
27 sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW.

28 **Sec. 18.** RCW 84.52.052 and 1991 c 138 s 1 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 SINGLE YEAR EXCESS LEVIES. The limitations imposed by RCW  
31 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and RCW 84.52.043 shall not prevent the  
32 levy of additional taxes by any taxing district except school districts  
33 in which a larger levy is necessary in order to prevent the impairment  
34 of the obligation of contracts. As used in this section, the term  
35 "taxing district" means any county, metropolitan park district, park  
36 and recreation service area, park and recreation district, sewer  
37 district, water district, solid waste disposal district, public

1 facilities district, flood control zone district, county rail district,  
2 service district, public hospital district, road district, rural county  
3 library district, island library district, intercounty rural library  
4 district, fire protection district, cemetery district, city, town,  
5 transportation benefit district, township, emergency medical service  
6 district with a population density of less than one thousand per square  
7 mile, or cultural arts, stadium, and convention district.

8 Any such taxing district may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the  
9 rate specified in RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056 and 84.52.043, or RCW  
10 84.55.010 through 84.55.050, when authorized so to do by the voters of  
11 such taxing district in the manner set forth in Article VII, section  
12 2(a) of the Constitution of this state, as amended by Amendment 64 and  
13 as thereafter amended, at a special or general election to be held in  
14 the year in which the levy is made.

15 A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the  
16 county legislative authority, or council, board of commissioners, or  
17 other governing body of any such taxing district, by giving notice  
18 thereof by publication in the manner provided by law for giving notices  
19 of general elections, at which special election the proposition  
20 authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to  
21 enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "yes" and those  
22 opposed thereto to vote "no."

23 **Sec. 19.** RCW 29.04.010 and 1965 c 9 s 29.04.010 are each amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 ELIGIBLE VOTERS. Only a registered voter shall be permitted to  
26 vote:

- 27 (1) At any election held for the purpose of electing persons to  
28 public office;  
29 (2) At any recall election of a public officer;  
30 (3) At any election held for the submission of a measure to any  
31 voting constituency;  
32 (4) At any primary election.

33 (~~The provisions of this section shall not apply to township~~  
34 ~~elections.~~)

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** MERGING A CITY OR TOWN INTO A TOWNSHIP  
36 AFTER THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN CREATED. (1) After the official date of  
37 creating townships in a county, any city or town that is completely

1 located within the county that is organized into townships may merge  
2 into a township adjacently located to a portion of the city's or town's  
3 boundaries, as provided in this section.

4 (2) A ballot proposition authorizing the merging of a city or town  
5 into a township shall be submitted to the voters of the city or town at  
6 any special election date specified under RCW 29.13.010 if both: (a) A  
7 resolution proposing the merger is adopted by the city or town council  
8 or a petition proposing the merger is submitted to the county  
9 legislative authority, that has been signed by city or town voters  
10 equal in number to at least ten percent of the number of city or town  
11 voters who voted at the last municipal general election; and (b) the  
12 board of supervisors of the township adopts a resolution concurring in  
13 the proposed merger. If the ballot proposition is approved by a simple  
14 majority vote of the city or town voters voting on the proposition, the  
15 city or town shall be merged into the township effective on the first  
16 day of January that occurs at least six months after the date of the  
17 election at which the election was held.

18 (3) If the merger is approved, the board of supervisors of the  
19 township shall be expanded temporarily at the effective date of the  
20 merger to include the mayor and each city or town councilmember whose  
21 term of office as a mayor or councilmember expires after the effective  
22 date of the merger who notifies the county legislative authority of his  
23 or her intention to serve as a supervisor. Notification shall be in  
24 writing and shall be made within sixty days of the date of the election  
25 at which the merger is approved. The term of office of the mayor or a  
26 councilmember who becomes a township supervisor shall be the length of  
27 his or her remaining term of office as the mayor or a councilmember, if  
28 supervisors normally are elected in an odd-numbered year, or the  
29 remaining term of office as a councilmember plus one year, if the year  
30 in which supervisors normally are elected is an even-numbered year.

31 If the mayor or any city or town councilmember assumes office as a  
32 supervisor, the number of supervisors shall be gradually reduced to the  
33 designated number of supervisors for the township by electing a number  
34 of supervisors at the next three township general elections consistent  
35 with the staggering of terms that is provided in section 7 of this act.

36 (4) The assets and liabilities of the city or town that are  
37 associated with its fire department shall be transferred to the  
38 township, as determined by the county legislative authority. RCW  
39 35A.15.050 through 35A.15.100 shall apply to the distribution of all

1 other assets and liabilities of the city or town. The actions taken  
2 under this section shall not impair the rights of creditors.

3 (5) No municipal elections shall be held for such a city or town  
4 that is merged into townships and the voters of the city or town shall  
5 participate in the township primary and general election to nominate  
6 and elect supervisors if such elections occur before the city or town  
7 is merged into the township.

8 (6) For purposes of RCW 84.09.030, the boundaries of the township  
9 shall be established to include the merged city or town on the date of  
10 the election at which the merger was approved.

11 (7) The merging of a city or town into a township that occurs under  
12 this section is not subject to chapter 36.93 RCW, including potential  
13 review by a boundary review board.

14 (8) The rights of civil service fire fighters of a city or town  
15 that is merged into a township or townships or which has territory  
16 removed from it under this section to transfer employment from the city  
17 or town to a township shall be the same as provided under RCW 52.04.121  
18 for city fire fighters transferring employment from a city to a fire  
19 protection district that annexes the city.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** ANNEXATION OF SOME UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO  
21 CITIES AND TOWNS IF TOWNSHIPS ARE AUTHORIZED. (1) Except as provided  
22 in subsection (2) of this section, the following unincorporated areas  
23 of a county shall be annexed automatically into a city or town, if the  
24 voters of the county approve ballot proposition authorizing township  
25 organization of the county:

26 (a) Any unincorporated area that is entirely surrounded by a single  
27 city or town in the county shall be annexed into that city or town,  
28 effective when the results of the election authorizing the township  
29 organization of the county are certified.

30 (b) Any unincorporated area that is partially surrounded by a  
31 single city or town in the county shall be annexed into that city or  
32 town, effective when the results of the election authorizing the  
33 township organization of the county are certified, if a closed plane  
34 figure including the unincorporated area could be drawn so that at  
35 least eighty percent of the borders of the closed plane figure are  
36 coterminous with a portion of the boundaries of the city or town.

37 (c) Any unincorporated area that is entirely surrounded by two or  
38 more cities or towns in the county shall be annexed into one or more of

1 these cities or towns. Prior to the official date of creating the  
2 townships, the county legislative authority by resolution shall cause  
3 the entire area to be annexed by one or more of the cities and towns.  
4 The effective date of the annexation or annexations shall be  
5 established by the resolution.

6 (d) Any unincorporated area that is partially surrounded by two or  
7 more cities or towns in the county shall be annexed into the cities or  
8 towns if a closed plane figure including the unincorporated area could  
9 be drawn so that at least eighty percent of the borders of the closed  
10 plane figure are coterminous with a portion of the boundaries of the  
11 cities and towns. Prior to the official date of creating the  
12 townships, the county legislative authority by resolution shall cause  
13 the entire area to be annexed by one or more of the cities and towns.  
14 The effective date of the annexation or annexations shall be  
15 established by the resolution.

16 (2) Prior to the election at which the ballot proposition is  
17 submitted to county voters authorizing the township organization of the  
18 county, the county legislative authority may adopt a resolution  
19 preventing any area to be annexed under subsection (1) of this section  
20 if the area is at least one square mile in size or if one thousand or  
21 more persons reside in the area. At any time after the approval of the  
22 ballot proposition authorizing the township organization of the county,  
23 the county legislative authority by resolution may cause such an entire  
24 area to be annexed to a city or town or cities and towns.

25 (3) No city or town located in a county that has a township  
26 organization may annex an area if the annexation would result in  
27 creating an unincorporated area that is described as an area subject to  
28 annexation under subsection (1) of this section.

29 (4) Annexations occurring under this section are not subject to  
30 chapter 36.93 RCW, including potential review by a boundary review  
31 board.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** CITY AND TOWN ANNEXATION POWERS. If a city  
33 or town operating under Title 35 RCW located in a county that has  
34 adopted a township organization annexes territory in that county using  
35 the direct property owner petition method under RCW 35.13.125 through  
36 35.13.160, the petition authorizing the annexation need only be signed  
37 by the owners of property in the area proposed for annexation that  
38 constitutes not less than fifty-five percent of the total assessed

1 valuation for general taxation of all the property proposed to be  
2 annexed. Annexations under the direct property owner petition method  
3 by such a city or town of territory located in an adjacent county that  
4 has not adopted a township organization shall conform with the petition  
5 signature requirements detailed in RCW 35.13.130.

6 If a code city operating under Title 35A RCW located in a county  
7 that has adopted a township organization annexes territory in that  
8 county using the direct property owner petition method under RCW  
9 35A.14.120 through 35A.14.150, the petition authorizing the annexation  
10 need only be signed by the owners of property in the area proposed for  
11 annexation that constitutes not less than fifty-five percent of the  
12 total assessed valuation for general taxation of all the property  
13 proposed to be annexed. Annexations under the direct property owner  
14 petition method by such a city of territory located in an adjacent  
15 county that has not adopted a township organization shall conform with  
16 the petition signature requirements detailed in RCW 35A.14.120.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** CIVIL SERVICE RIGHTS OF POLICE OFFICERS IN  
18 CITIES AND TOWNS MERGED INTO TOWNSHIPS. Employees of a police  
19 department or marshal's office in a city or town that has merged into  
20 a township or townships, as provided under sections 6 or 22 of this  
21 act, that are employed under chapter 41.12 RCW shall have the same  
22 rights of transfer to the county sheriff's office that are accorded to  
23 a city or town fire fighter to transfer employment to a fire protection  
24 district as provided under RCW 35.13.215 through 35.13.235.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
26 each repealed:

- 27 (1) RCW 45.04.020 and 1895 c 175 s 2;
- 28 (2) RCW 45.04.030 and 1895 c 175 s 3;
- 29 (3) RCW 45.08.010 and 1927 c 74 s 1 & 1895 c 175 s 4;
- 30 (4) RCW 45.08.020 and 1895 c 175 s 5;
- 31 (5) RCW 45.08.060 and 1895 c 175 s 6;
- 32 (6) RCW 45.08.070 and 1895 c 175 s 7;
- 33 (7) RCW 45.08.080 and 1895 c 175 s 8;
- 34 (8) RCW 45.08.090 and 1895 c 175 s 9;
- 35 (9) RCW 45.12.010 and 1923 c 13 s 1 & 1895 c 175 s 10;
- 36 (10) RCW 45.12.020 and 1953 c 167 s 1, 1909 c 47 s 1, & 1895 c 175  
37 s 11;

1 (11) RCW 45.12.021 and 1965 c 119 s 1;  
2 (12) RCW 45.12.040 and 1895 c 175 s 13;  
3 (13) RCW 45.12.050 and 1895 c 175 s 14;  
4 (14) RCW 45.12.060 and 1895 c 175 s 15;  
5 (15) RCW 45.12.070 and 1923 c 13 s 2 & 1895 c 175 s 16;  
6 (16) RCW 45.12.080 and 1923 c 13 s 3, 1915 c 90 s 1, 1909 c 47 s 2,  
7 & 1895 c 175 s 17;  
8 (17) RCW 45.12.090 and 1959 c 16 s 5;  
9 (18) RCW 45.12.100 and 1984 c 189 s 4, 1969 ex.s. c 243 s 4, 1959  
10 c 16 s 2, & 1953 c 165 s 1;  
11 (19) RCW 45.12.110 and 1895 c 175 s 20;  
12 (20) RCW 45.12.120 and 1895 c 175 s 21;  
13 (21) RCW 45.12.130 and 1895 c 175 s 22;  
14 (22) RCW 45.12.140 and 1895 c 175 s 23;  
15 (23) RCW 45.12.150 and 1895 c 175 s 24;  
16 (24) RCW 45.12.160 and 1895 c 175 s 25;  
17 (25) RCW 45.12.170 and 1895 c 175 s 26;  
18 (26) RCW 45.12.180 and 1895 c 175 s 27;  
19 (27) RCW 45.12.190 and 1895 s 175 s 28;  
20 (28) RCW 45.12.200 and 1895 c 175 s 29;  
21 (29) RCW 45.12.210 and 1895 c 175 s 30;  
22 (30) RCW 45.12.220 and 1895 c 175 s 31;  
23 (31) RCW 45.12.230 and 1895 c 175 s 32;  
24 (32) RCW 45.12.240 and 1895 c 175 s 33;  
25 (33) RCW 45.16.010 and 1895 c 175 s 34;  
26 (34) RCW 45.16.020 and 1895 c 175 s 35;  
27 (35) RCW 45.16.030 and 1895 c 175 s 36;  
28 (36) RCW 45.16.035 and 1913 c 142 s 4 & 1895 c 175 s 42;  
29 (37) RCW 45.16.040 and 1913 c 142 s 2 & 1895 c 175 s 37;  
30 (38) RCW 45.16.060 and 1913 c 142 s 3 & 1895 c 175 s 38;  
31 (39) RCW 45.16.070 and 1895 c 175 s 39;  
32 (40) RCW 45.16.080 and 1895 c 175 s 40;  
33 (41) RCW 45.16.090 and 1895 c 175 s 41;  
34 (42) RCW 45.16.100 and 1895 c 175 s 43;  
35 (43) RCW 45.16.110 and 1913 c 142 s 5 & 1895 c 175 s 44;  
36 (44) RCW 45.16.120 and 1923 c 13 s 5 & 1895 c 175 s 45;  
37 (45) RCW 45.20.010 and 1913 c 142 s 6 & 1895 c 175 s 46;  
38 (46) RCW 45.20.020 and 1895 c 175 s 47;

1 (47) RCW 45.24.010 and 1977 c 15 s 1, 1919 c 108 s 2, 1911 c 34 s  
2 1, part, 1909 c 47 s 4, & 1895 c 175 s 48;  
3 (48) RCW 45.24.040 and 1895 c 175 s 51;  
4 (49) RCW 45.24.050 and 1895 c 175 s 52;  
5 (50) RCW 45.24.060 and 1895 c 175 s 49;  
6 (51) RCW 45.28.010 and 1895 c 175 s 53;  
7 (52) RCW 45.28.020 and 1911 c 34 s 2;  
8 (53) RCW 45.28.030 and 1911 c 34 s 3;  
9 (54) RCW 45.28.040 and 1895 c 175 s 54;  
10 (55) RCW 45.28.050 and 1895 c 175 s 55;  
11 (56) RCW 45.28.060 and 1895 c 175 s 56;  
12 (57) RCW 45.28.070 and 1895 c 175 s 57;  
13 (58) RCW 45.28.100 and 1895 c 175 s 60;  
14 (59) RCW 45.32.010 and 1895 c 175 s 70;  
15 (60) RCW 45.32.020 and 1895 c 175 s 71;  
16 (61) RCW 45.32.030 and 1923 c 13 s 6, 1913 c 142 s 7, & 1895 c 175  
17 s 72;  
18 (62) RCW 45.32.050 and 1895 c 175 s 73;  
19 (63) RCW 45.32.060 and 1895 c 175 s 74;  
20 (64) RCW 45.32.070 and 1895 c 175 s 75;  
21 (65) RCW 45.32.080 and 1895 c 175 s 76;  
22 (66) RCW 45.32.090 and 1913 c 142 s 9;  
23 (67) RCW 45.36.010 and 1895 c 175 s 95;  
24 (68) RCW 45.36.020 and 1895 c 175 s 96;  
25 (69) RCW 45.36.030 and 1911 c 34 s 1, part & 1895 c 175 s 94;  
26 (70) RCW 45.40.010 and 1895 c 175 s 77;  
27 (71) RCW 45.40.030 and 1895 c 175 s 78;  
28 (72) RCW 45.44.010 and 1923 c 13 s 9, 1915 c 90 s 2, 1909 c 47 s 9,  
29 & 1895 c 175 s 93;  
30 (73) RCW 45.48.010 and 1895 c 175 s 111;  
31 (74) RCW 45.48.020 and 1895 c 175 s 112;  
32 (75) RCW 45.48.030 and 1895 c 175 s 113;  
33 (76) RCW 45.48.040 and 1895 c 175 s 114;  
34 (77) RCW 45.52.010 and 1895 c 175 s 61;  
35 (78) RCW 45.52.020 and 1895 c 175 s 62;  
36 (79) RCW 45.52.030 and 1895 c 175 s 63;  
37 (80) RCW 45.52.040 and 1895 c 175 s 64;  
38 (81) RCW 45.52.050 and 1895 c 175 s 65;  
39 (82) RCW 45.52.060 and 1895 c 175 s 66;

- 1 (83) RCW 45.52.070 and 1895 c 175 s 67;
- 2 (84) RCW 45.52.080 and 1895 c 175 s 68;
- 3 (85) RCW 45.52.090 and 1895 c 175 s 69;
- 4 (86) RCW 45.54.010 and 1937 c 81 s 1;
- 5 (87) RCW 45.54.020 and 1937 c 81 s 2;
- 6 (88) RCW 45.56.010 and 1959 c 16 s 3;
- 7 (89) RCW 45.56.040 and 1969 ex.s. c 243 s 5 & 1895 c 175 s 86;
- 8 (90) RCW 45.56.050 and 1913 c 142 s 10;
- 9 (91) RCW 45.56.070 and 1895 c 175 s 90;
- 10 (92) RCW 45.56.080 and 1895 c 175 s 92;
- 11 (93) RCW 45.64.010 and 1895 c 175 s 97;
- 12 (94) RCW 45.64.020 and 1895 c 175 s 98;
- 13 (95) RCW 45.64.030 and 1895 c 175 s 99;
- 14 (96) RCW 45.64.040 and 1895 c 175 s 100;
- 15 (97) RCW 45.64.050 and 1895 c 175 s 101;
- 16 (98) RCW 45.64.060 and 1895 c 175 s 102;
- 17 (99) RCW 45.64.070 and 1895 c 175 s 103;
- 18 (100) RCW 45.64.080 and 1895 c 175 s 104;
- 19 (101) RCW 45.72.010 and 1895 c 175 s 110;
- 20 (102) RCW 45.72.020 and 1909 c 47 s 11;
- 21 (103) RCW 45.72.030 and 1895 c 175 s 116;
- 22 (104) RCW 45.72.040 and 1911 c 13 s 1;
- 23 (105) RCW 45.72.050 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 45 & 1911 c 13 s 2;
- 24 (106) RCW 45.72.060 and 1911 c 13 s 3;
- 25 (107) RCW 45.72.070 and 1969 ex.s. c 243 s 6, 1909 c 47 s 10, &
- 26 1895 c 175 s 115;
- 27 (108) RCW 45.76.020 and 1951 c 173 s 1;
- 28 (109) RCW 45.76.030 and 1951 c 173 s 2;
- 29 (110) RCW 45.76.040 and 1951 c 173 s 3;
- 30 (111) RCW 45.76.050 and 1951 c 173 s 4;
- 31 (112) RCW 45.76.060 and 1951 c 173 s 5;
- 32 (113) RCW 45.76.070 and 1951 c 173 s 6;
- 33 (114) RCW 45.76.080 and 1951 c 173 s 7;
- 34 (115) RCW 45.76.090 and 1951 c 173 s 8;
- 35 (116) RCW 45.76.100 and 1957 c 65 s 1 & 1951 c 173 s 9;
- 36 (117) RCW 45.80.020 and 1961 c 53 s 2;
- 37 (118) RCW 45.80.030 and 1961 c 53 s 3;
- 38 (119) RCW 45.80.040 and 1961 c 53 s 4;
- 39 (120) RCW 45.80.050 and 1961 c 53 s 5;

1 (121) RCW 45.80.060 and 1961 c 53 s 6;  
2 (122) RCW 45.80.070 and 1971 c 19 s 3 & 1961 c 53 s 7;  
3 (123) RCW 45.80.080 and 1971 c 19 s 4 & 1961 c 53 s 8;  
4 (124) RCW 45.80.100 and 1961 c 53 s 10;  
5 (125) RCW 45.82.010 and 1969 ex.s. c 243 s 1; and  
6 (126) RCW 45.82.020 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 46 & 1969 ex.s. c  
7 243 s 3.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** HEADINGS. Section headings used in this  
9 act do not constitute any part of the law.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** CODIFYING DIRECTIONS. (1) Sections 1, 2,  
11 4 through 11, 13 through 17, and 20 through 23 of this act shall  
12 constitute a new chapter in Title 45 RCW.

13 (2) RCW 45.04.010, 45.12.030, and 45.80.010 shall be recodified  
14 into the new chapter in Title 45 RCW created by subsection (1) of this  
15 section.

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