
SENATE BILL 5485

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By Senators Rasmussen and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to community councils in unincorporated areas; and
2 amending RCW 36.105.010, 36.105.020, and 36.105.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.105.010 and 1991 c 363 s 99 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Voters of the unincorporated areas of the state are authorized to
7 establish community councils as provided in this chapter.

8 It is the purpose of this chapter to provide voters of
9 unincorporated areas in counties (~~with a population of over thirty~~
10 ~~thousand that are made up entirely of islands~~)) with direct input on
11 the planning and zoning of their community by establishing a
12 governmental mechanism to adopt proposed community comprehensive plans
13 and proposed community zoning ordinances that are consistent with an
14 overall guide and framework adopted by the county legislative
15 authority. In addition, it is the purpose of this chapter to have
16 community councils serve as forums for the discussion of local issues.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.105.020 and 1991 c 363 s 100 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
2 this section apply throughout this chapter.

3 (1) "Community" means a portion of the unincorporated area of a
4 single county for which a community council has been established (~~and~~
5 ~~which is located in a county with a population of over thirty thousand~~
6 ~~that is made up entirely of islands~~)).

7 (2) "Community comprehensive plan" means a comprehensive plan
8 adopted by a community council.

9 (3) "Community council" means the governing body established under
10 this chapter to adopt community comprehensive plans and community
11 zoning ordinances for a community.

12 (4) "Community zoning ordinances" means the zoning ordinances
13 adopted by a community council to implement a community comprehensive
14 plan.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.105.030 and 1991 c 363 s 101 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 A community for which a community council is created may include
18 only unincorporated territory located in a single county (~~with a~~
19 ~~population of over thirty thousand that is made up entirely of~~
20 ~~islands~~) and not included within a city or town. A community council
21 must have at least one thousand persons residing within the community
22 when the community council is created or, where the community only
23 includes an entire island, at least three hundred persons must reside
24 on the island when the community council is created. Any portion of
25 such a community that is annexed by a city or town, or is incorporated
26 as a city or town, shall be removed from the community upon the
27 effective date of the annexation or the official date of the
28 incorporation.

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