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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing counties with a population of
2 seventy-five thousand or less to remove themselves and their cities
3 from growth management planning requirements; and amending RCW
4 36.70A.040.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.040 and 1993 sp.s. c 6 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Each county that has both a population of fifty thousand or
9 more and has had its population increase by more than ten percent in
10 the previous ten years, and the cities located within such county, and
11 any other county regardless of its population that has had its
12 population increase by more than twenty percent in the previous ten
13 years, and the cities located within such county, shall ~~((conform with
14 all of the requirements of this chapter))~~ plan under this section.
15 However, the county legislative authority of such a county with a
16 population of less than ~~((fifty))~~ seventy-five thousand population may
17 adopt a resolution removing the county, and the cities located within
18 the county, from the requirement~~((s of adopting comprehensive land use
19 plans and development regulations under this chapter))~~ to plan under

1 this section if this resolution is adopted and filed with the
2 department by December 31, (~~(1990, for counties initially meeting this~~
3 ~~set of criteria)) 1995, or within sixty days of the date the office of
4 financial management certifies that a county meets this set of criteria
5 under subsection (5) of this section.~~

6 Once a county meets either of these sets of criteria and the county
7 has not followed this procedure to remove itself from the requirement
8 to plan under this section, the requirement to (~~(conform with all of~~
9 ~~the requirements of this chapter)) plan under this section remains in
10 effect, even if the county no longer meets one of these sets of
11 criteria.~~

12 (2) The county legislative authority of any county that does not
13 (~~(meet either of the sets of criteria established)) plan under~~
14 (~~(subsection (1) of)) this section may adopt a resolution indicating~~
15 its intention (~~(to have subsection (1) of this section apply to)) that~~
16 the county plan under this section. Each city(~~(7))~~ located in a county
17 that (~~(chooses to plan)) adopts a resolution under this subsection(~~(7))~~)
18 shall (~~(conform with all of the requirements of this chapter)) plan~~
19 under this section. Once such a resolution has been adopted, the
20 county and the cities located within the county remain subject to all
21 of the requirements of this (~~(chapter)) section~~. However, a county
22 with a population of seventy-five thousand or less that, before the
23 effective date of this act, adopted a resolution of intention under
24 this subsection to plan under this section may adopt a resolution
25 removing the county, and the cities located within the county, from the
26 requirement to plan under this section if the resolution is adopted and
27 filed with the department by December 31, 1995.~~

28 (3) Any county or city that is initially required to (~~(conform with~~
29 ~~all of the requirements of this chapter)) plan under this section by~~
30 subsection (1) of this section, and, where applicable, the county
31 legislative authority has not adopted a resolution removing the county
32 from these requirements as provided in subsection (1) of this section,
33 shall take actions under this chapter as follows: (a) The county
34 legislative authority shall adopt a county-wide planning policy under
35 RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the county and each city located within the county
36 shall designate critical areas, agricultural lands, forest lands, and
37 mineral resource lands, and adopt development regulations conserving
38 these designated agricultural lands, forest lands, and mineral resource
39 lands and protecting these designated critical areas, under RCW

1 36.70A.170 and 36.70A.060; (c) the county shall designate and take
2 other actions related to urban growth areas under RCW 36.70A.110; (d)
3 if the county has a population of fifty thousand or more, the county
4 and each city located within the county shall adopt a comprehensive
5 plan under this chapter and development regulations that are consistent
6 with and implement the comprehensive plan on or before July 1, 1994,
7 and if the county has a population of less than fifty thousand, the
8 county and each city located within the county shall adopt a
9 comprehensive plan under this chapter and development regulations that
10 are consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan by January 1,
11 1995, but if the governor makes written findings that a county with a
12 population of less than fifty thousand or a city located within such a
13 county is not making reasonable progress toward adopting a
14 comprehensive plan and development regulations the governor may reduce
15 this deadline for such actions to be taken by no more than one hundred
16 eighty days. Any county or city subject to this subsection may obtain
17 an additional six months before it is required to have adopted its
18 development regulations by submitting a letter notifying the department
19 (~~of community development~~) of its need prior to the deadline for
20 adopting both a comprehensive plan and development regulations.

21 (4) Any county or city that is required to (~~conform with all the~~
22 ~~requirements of this chapter~~) plan under this section, as a result of
23 the county legislative authority adopting its resolution of intention
24 under subsection (2) of this section, and, where applicable, the county
25 legislative authority has not adopted a resolution removing the county
26 from these requirements as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
27 shall take actions under this chapter as follows: (a) The county
28 legislative authority shall adopt a county-wide planning policy under
29 RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the county and each city that is located within the
30 county shall adopt development regulations conserving agricultural
31 lands, forest lands, and mineral resource lands it designated under RCW
32 36.70A.060 within one year of the date the county legislative authority
33 adopts its resolution of intention; (c) the county shall designate and
34 take other actions related to urban growth areas under RCW 36.70A.110;
35 and (d) the county and each city that is located within the county
36 shall adopt a comprehensive plan and development regulations that are
37 consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan not later than
38 four years from the date the county legislative authority adopts its
39 resolution of intention, but a county or city may obtain an additional

1 six months before it is required to have adopted its development
2 regulations by submitting a letter notifying the department (~~of~~
3 ~~community development~~) of its need prior to the deadline for adopting
4 both a comprehensive plan and development regulations.

5 (5) If the office of financial management certifies that the
6 population of a county that (~~previously had not been required to~~)
7 does not plan under (~~subsection (1) or (2) of~~) this section has
8 changed sufficiently to meet either of the sets of criteria specified
9 under subsection (1) of this section, and where applicable, the county
10 legislative authority has not adopted a resolution removing the county
11 from these requirements as provided in subsection (1) of this section,
12 the county and each city within such county shall take actions under
13 this chapter as follows: (a) The county legislative authority shall
14 adopt a county-wide planning policy under RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the
15 county and each city located within the county shall adopt development
16 regulations under RCW 36.70A.060 conserving agricultural lands, forest
17 lands, and mineral resource lands it designated within one year of the
18 certification by the office of financial management; (c) the county
19 shall designate and take other actions related to urban growth areas
20 under RCW 36.70A.110; and (d) the county and each city located within
21 the county shall adopt a comprehensive land use plan and development
22 regulations that are consistent with and implement the comprehensive
23 plan within four years of the certification by the office of financial
24 management, but a county or city may obtain an additional six months
25 before it is required to have adopted its development regulations by
26 submitting a letter notifying the department (~~of community~~
27 ~~development~~) of its need prior to the deadline for adopting both a
28 comprehensive plan and development regulations.

29 (6) A copy of each document that is required under this section
30 shall be submitted to the department at the time of its adoption.

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