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HOUSE BILL 1237

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By Representatives Sullivan, Talcott, Kastama, DeBolt, Bush, Campbell, Carrell and Haigh

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1 AN ACT Relating to city utilities; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 35.92 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of the charter of a first class city  
7 to the contrary, the following shall apply to a separate board or other  
8 body established by a first class city to manage or operate one or more  
9 utilities for the city:

10 (1) The board or other body must consist of five members who are  
11 elected to staggered four-year terms of office at municipal general  
12 elections, rather than being appointed.

13 (2) Each member of the board or other body must be elected from a  
14 separate district within the greater service area of the city, where  
15 each district has approximately the same population, and the districts  
16 are used for the following purposes: (a) Only a resident of a district  
17 may be a candidate or nominee for the member from that district; (b)  
18 only a resident of a district may serve as the member from that  
19 district; (c) only voters residing in a district may vote at a primary

1 to nominate candidates for the member from that district; and (d) only  
2 voters residing in a district may vote at a general election to elect  
3 the member from that district. The greater service area of the city  
4 shall include the entire city and an area or areas contiguous to the  
5 city that includes every residence outside of the city that is served  
6 by any of the utility services managed or operated by the board or  
7 other body.

8 (3) The board or other body shall select a director of each utility  
9 under its jurisdiction, or a single director for two or more utilities  
10 under its jurisdiction, and shall set utility rates.

11 (4) Each member of the board or other body shall receive the same  
12 compensation provided under RCW 54.12.080 that a public utility  
13 district commissioner receives, with the gross revenues of the utility  
14 or utilities managed and operated by the board or other body being  
15 considered the gross revenues of the district.

16 (5) Any efforts of the city to provide cable service shall be  
17 managed and operated by the board or other body.

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