FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1143

C 75 L 93 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing a procedure for consolidating cities or towns.

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House Committee on Local Government Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: Cities and towns may permit a community municipal corporation to be created in an area that annexes to the city or town if, either the petition/election or resolution election method of annexation is used to authorize the annexation, and the voters residing in the area that is proposed to be annexed approve a ballot proposition authorizing the community municipal corporation. A community municipal corporation exists for five years, but may be continued for successive five-year periods, if authorized by the voters of the community municipal corporation.

A community municipal corporation has an elected five-member community council that, within 60 days of adoption, may disapprove the following actions taken by the city or town council relating to the community municipal corporation:
(1) a comprehensive plan; (2) a zoning ordinance; (3) a conditional use permit, special exception or variance; (4) a subdivision ordinance; (5) a subdivision plan; and (6) a planned unit development.

Community municipal corporations have been created in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Des Moines, each of which are code cities.

Summary: It is clarified that community municipal corporations may be formed when territory is annexed to a code city or whenever two or more cities or towns consolidate.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 91 0 Senate 45 0 Effective: July 25, 1993