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SENATE BILL 5912

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By Senators Winsley, Horn and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to the adoption of a charter as a charter code  
2 city; and amending RCW 35A.08.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35A.08.030 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.08.030 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The legislative body of any city having ten thousand or more  
7 inhabitants may, by resolution, provide for submission to the voters of  
8 the question whether the city shall become a charter code city and be  
9 governed in accordance with a charter to be adopted by the voters under  
10 the provisions of this title. The legislative body must provide for  
11 such an election upon receipt of a sufficient petition therefor signed  
12 by qualified electors in number equal to not less than ten percent of  
13 the votes cast at the last general municipal election therein. The  
14 question may be submitted to the voters at the next general municipal  
15 election if one is to be held within one hundred and eighty days or at  
16 a special election held for that purpose not less than ninety nor more  
17 than one hundred and eighty days after the passage of the resolution or  
18 the filing of the certificate of sufficiency of the petition. At such  
19 election provision shall also be made for the election of fifteen

1 freeholders who, upon a favorable vote on the question, shall  
2 constitute the charter commission charged with the duty of framing a  
3 charter for submission to the voters. If the vote in favor of adopting  
4 a charter receives forty percent or less of the total vote on the  
5 question of charter adoption, no new election on the question of  
6 charter adoption may be held for a period of two years from the date of  
7 the election in which the charter proposal failed.

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