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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6276**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senator Snyder)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing inclusion of cities and towns within  
2 emergency medical service districts; and amending RCW 36.32.480.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.480 and 1979 ex.s. c 200 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A county legislative authority may adopt an ordinance creating  
7 an emergency medical service district in all or a portion of the  
8 unincorporated area of the county and, pursuant to subsection (2) of  
9 this section, within the corporate limits of any city or town. The  
10 ordinance may only be adopted after a public hearing has been held on  
11 the creation of such a district and the county legislative authority  
12 makes a finding that it is in the public interest to create the  
13 district. (~~The members of the county legislative authority shall be~~  
14 ~~the governing body of the emergency medical service district.~~)

15 An emergency medical service district shall be a quasi-municipal  
16 corporation and an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of  
17 Article 7, Section 1, Washington State Constitution. Emergency medical  
18 service districts shall also be "taxing authorities" within the meaning  
19 of Article 7, Section 2, Washington State Constitution.

1 An emergency medical service district shall have the authority to  
2 provide emergency medical services.

3 (2) When any part of a proposed emergency medical service district  
4 includes an area within the corporate limits of a city or town, the  
5 governing body of the city or town shall approve the inclusion, and the  
6 county governing body shall maintain a certified copy of the resolution  
7 of approval before adopting an ordinance including the area.

8 (3) The members of the county legislative authority shall compose  
9 the governing body of any emergency medical service district which is  
10 created within the county: PROVIDED, That where an emergency medical  
11 service district includes an area within the corporate limits of a city  
12 or town, the emergency medical service district may be governed as  
13 provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter 39.34  
14 RCW. The voters of an emergency medical service district must be  
15 registered voters residing within the district.

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