

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2800

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Correcting a double amendment concerning county legislative authorities.

Sponsors: Representative Haler.

House Committee on Local Government
Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security

Background:

The RCW 36.32.080, which requires county legislative authorities to hold regular meetings at the county seat, was amended by two separate acts in 2015.

One of these acts allowed two or more county legislative authorities to hold a joint regular meeting in the county seat of one of the participating counties if agenda items are of mutual interest or concern to the legislative authorities. Participating legislative authorities, in whose counties the meeting is not held, must provide notice of the meeting in accordance with the rules for special meetings.

The other act allowed county legislative authorities to hold a regular meeting in a location in the county that is outside the county seat. This may be done no more than once per calendar quarter and only if the legislative authority determines that holding a meeting at an alternate location is in the interest of supporting greater citizen engagement in local government. A legislative authority holding a meeting outside of the county seat must give notice of the meeting at least 30 days before the meeting. The notice must be posted on the county's website, published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and sent via electronic mail (e-mail) to residents of the county who have chosen to receive the notice via e-mail.

Summary:

Technical corrections are made to RCW 36.32.080 to include all of the amendments to the statute from both 2015 acts.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	47	1

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