HOUSE BILL 2800

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By Representative Haler

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to correcting a double amendment concerning
- 2 county legislative authorities; and reenacting and amending RCW
- 3 36.32.080.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.080 and 2015 c 179 s 1 and 2015 c 74 s 1 are 6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The county legislative authority of each county shall hold regular meetings at the county seat or at a location designated in accordance with subsection (2) or (3) of this section to transact any business required or permitted by law.
 - (2)(a) Any two or more county legislative authorities may hold a joint regular meeting solely in the county seat of a participating county if the agenda item or items relate to actions or considerations of mutual interest or concern to the participating legislative authorities.
- 16 (b) A legislative authority participating in a joint regular
 17 meeting held in accordance with this subsection (2) must, for
 18 purposes of the meeting, comply with notice requirements for special
 19 meetings provided in RCW 42.30.080. This subsection (2)(b) does not
 20 apply to the legislative authority of the county in which the meeting
 21 will be held.

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- (3)(a) As an alternative option that may be exercised no more than once per calendar quarter, regular meetings may be held at a location outside of the county seat but within the county if the county legislative authority determines that holding a meeting at an alternate location would be in the interest of supporting greater citizen engagement in local government.
- (b) The county legislative authority must give notice of any regular meeting held ((outside of the county seat. Notice must be given)) pursuant to this subsection (3) at least thirty days before the time of the meeting specified in the notice. At a minimum, notice must be:
- 12 (i) Posted on the county's web site;

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- 13 (ii) Published in a newspaper of general circulation in the 14 county; and
- 15 (iii) Sent via electronic transmission to any resident of the 16 county who has chosen to receive the notice required under this 17 section at an ((electronic mail [email])) email address.

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