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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620**

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**State of Washington**

**68th Legislature**

**2023 Regular Session**

**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey and Morgan)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to the number of inhabitants required for  
2 incorporation as a city or town; amending RCW 35.02.010 and  
3 35.02.010; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration  
4 date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Any contiguous area containing not less than (~~one thousand five~~  
9 ~~hundred~~) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an  
10 incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town  
11 operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter(~~+~~  
12 ~~PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the~~  
13 ~~boundary of any city having a population of fifteen thousand or more~~  
14 ~~shall be incorporated which contains less than three thousand~~  
15 ~~inhabitants)~~).

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Any contiguous area containing not less than (~~one thousand five~~  
19 ~~hundred~~) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an  
20 incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town

1 operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter:  
2 PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the  
3 boundary of any city having a population of (~~fifteen thousand~~)  
4 15,000 or more shall be incorporated which contains less than (~~three~~  
5 ~~thousand~~) 3,000 inhabitants.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30,  
7 2028.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect June  
9 30, 2028.

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