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government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 15, 1982.

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CHAPTER 103

[Senate Bill No. 4952]

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS—OPERATION OF ELECTRIC STREETCARS

AN ACT Relating to the authority of a metropolitan municipal corporation to charter an electric streetcar on rails operating within a city; and amending section 12, chapter 277, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 28, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 35.58.020.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 12, chapter 277, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 28, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 35.58.020 are each amended to read as follows:

((As used herein:)) The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Metropolitan municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation of the state of Washington created pursuant to this chapter, or a county which has by ordinance or resolution assumed the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of a metropolitan municipal corporation pursuant to the provisions of chapter 36.56 RCW.
- (2) "Metropolitan area" means the area contained within the boundaries of a metropolitan municipal corporation, or within the boundaries of an area proposed to be organized as such a corporation.
 - (3) "City" means an incorporated city or town.
- (4) "Component city" means an incorporated city or town within a metropolitan area.
- (5) "Component county" means a county, all or part of which is included within a metropolitan area.
- (6) "Central city" means the city with the largest population in a metropolitan area.
- (7) "Central county" means the county containing the city with the largest population in a metropolitan area.
- (8) "Special district" means any municipal corporation of the state of Washington other than a city, county, or metropolitan municipal corporation.

- (9) "Metropolitan council" means the legislative body of a metropolitan municipal corporation, or the legislative body of a county which has by ordinance or resolution assumed the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of a metropolitan municipal corporation pursuant to the provisions of chapter 36.56 RCW.
 - (10) "City council" means the legislative body of any city or town.
- (11) "Population" means the number of residents as shown by the figures released for the most recent official state, federal, or county census, or population determination made under the direction of the office of financial management.
- (12) "Metropolitan function" means any of the functions of government named in RCW 35.58.050.
- (13) "Authorized metropolitan function" means a metropolitan function which a metropolitan municipal corporation shall have been authorized to perform in the manner provided in this chapter.
- (14) "Metropolitan public transportation" or "metropolitan transportation" for the purposes of this chapter ((shall)) means the transportation of packages, passengers, and their incidental baggage by means other than by chartered bus, sightseeing bus, or any other motor vehicle not on an individual fare-paying basis, together with the necessary passenger terminals and parking facilities or other properties necessary for passenger and vehicular access to and from such people-moving systems: PROVIDED, That nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a metropolitan municipal corporation from leasing its buses to private certified carriers ((or)); to prohibit ((the)) a metropolitan municipal corporation from providing school bus service for the transportation of pupils; or to prohibit a metropolitan municipal corporation from chartering an electric streetcar on rails which it operates entirely within a city.
 - (15) "Pollution" has the meaning given in RCW 90.48.020.

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CHAPTER 104

[Senate Bill No. 4905]
SEWER AND WATER DISTRICTS—MERGING DISTRICTS,
COMMISSIONERS—ELECTIONS—IMPROVEMENTS BY FORCE
ACCOUNT—EMERGENCY CONTRACTS WITHOUT BIDS

AN ACT Relating to special purpose districts; amending section 4, chapter 148, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 45, Laws of 1981 and RCW 56.36.040; amending section 4, chapter 28, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 6, chapter 39, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 57.36.040; amending section 4, chapter 146, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 12, chapter 45, Laws of 1981 and RCW 57.40.130; amending