

passenger, terminal, station parking, and related facilities and properties, and such other facilities as may be necessary for passenger and vehicular access to and from such terminal, station, parking, and related facilities and properties, together with all lands, rights of way, property, equipment, and accessories necessary for such systems and facilities; ((and))

(17) Convention center facilities or structures in cities imposing a special excise tax pursuant to RCW 67.40.100(2). Assessments for purposes of convention center facilities or structures may be levied only to the extent necessary to cover a funding shortfall that occurs when funds received from special excise taxes imposed pursuant to RCW 67.28.180 and 67.40.100(2) are insufficient to fund the annual debt service for such facilities or structures, and may not be levied on property exclusively maintained as single-family or multifamily permanent residences whether they are rented, leased, or owner occupied; and

(18) Programs of aquatic plant control, lake or river restoration, or water quality enhancement. Such programs shall identify all the area of any lake or river which will be improved and shall include the adjacent waterfront property specially benefited by such programs of improvements. Assessments may be levied only on waterfront property including any waterfront property owned by the department of natural resources or any other state agency. Notice of an assessment on a private leasehold in public property shall comply with provisions of chapter 79.44 RCW. Programs under this subsection shall extend for a term of not more than five years.

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CHAPTER 278

[House Bill No. 1698]

PRECINCT BOUNDARIES—LOCATION, CHANGES, AND MAPS

AN ACT Relating to precinct boundaries; amending RCW 29.04.050 and 29.04.140; and repealing RCW 29.04.130 and 29.04.135.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.04.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 128, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.04.050 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every voting precinct must be ~~((established so that it lies))~~ wholly within ~~((one senatorial or representative))~~ a single congressional district, a single legislative district, and ((wholly within one county commissioner)) a single district of a county legislative authority.

(2) Every voting precinct shall be composed, as nearly as practicable, of contiguous and compact areas.

(3) Except as provided in this subsection, changes to the boundaries of any precinct shall follow visible, physical features delineated on the most current maps provided by the United States census bureau. A change need not follow such visible, physical features if (a) it is necessitated by an annexation or incorporation and the proposed precinct boundary is identical to an exterior boundary of the annexed or incorporated area which does not follow a visible, physical feature; or (b) doing so would substantially impair election administration in the involved area.

(4) After a change to precinct boundaries is adopted by the county legislative authority, the county auditor shall send to the secretary of state a copy of the legal description and a map or maps of the changes and, if all or part of the changes do not follow visible, physical features, a statement of the applicable exception under subsection (3) of this section. For boundary changes made pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this section, the auditor shall include a statement of the reasons why following visible, physical features would have substantially impaired election administration.

(5) Every voting precinct within each county shall be designated consecutively by number for the purpose of preparation of maps and the tabulation of population for apportionment purposes. ~~((The county auditor may name))~~ These precincts ((as he deems necessary)) may be identified with names or other numbers for other election purposes.

(6) After a change to precinct boundaries in a city or town, the county auditor shall send one copy of the map or maps delineating the new precinct boundaries within that city or town to the city or town clerk.

(7) Precinct maps are public records and shall be available for inspection by the public during normal office hours in the offices where they are kept. Copies shall be made available to the public for a fee necessary to cover the cost of reproduction.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 129, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 128, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.04.140 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) With regard to functions relating to census, apportionment, and the establishment of legislative and congressional districts, the secretary of state shall:

(a) ~~((Promulgate))~~ Adopt rules pursuant to chapter ~~((34.04))~~ 34.05 RCW governing the preparation, maintenance, distribution, review, and filing of precinct maps ~~((and census correspondence lists prepared pursuant to))~~ under RCW ~~((29.04.130 as now or hereafter amended))~~ 29.04.050;

(b) Coordinate and monitor precinct mapping functions of the county auditors and county engineers;

(c) Maintain official state base maps and correspondence lists and maintain an index of all such maps and lists;

(d) Furnish to the United States bureau of the census as needed for the decennial census of population, current, accurate, and easily readable versions of maps of all counties, cities, towns, and other areas of this state, which indicate current precinct boundaries together with copies of the census correspondence lists.

(2) The secretary of state shall serve as the state liaison with the United States bureau of census on matters relating to the preparation of maps and the tabulation of population for apportionment purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 1, chapter 129, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess., section 3, chapter 128, Laws of 1977 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 107, Laws of 1980 and RCW 29.04.130; and

(2) Section 2, chapter 107, Laws of 1980 and RCW 29.04.135.

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CHAPTER 279

[Substitute House Bill No. 1553]

WASHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to the creation of the Washington economic development finance authority; amending RCW 42.17.2401; reenacting and amending RCW 42.17.310; creating a new chapter in Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Economic development is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of all Washington citizens by broadening and strengthening state and local tax bases, providing meaningful employment opportunities and thereby enhancing the quality of life. Economic development increasingly is dependent upon the ability of small-sized and medium-sized businesses and farms to finance growth and trade activities. Many of these businesses face an unmet need for capital that limits their growth. These unmet capital needs are a problem in both urban and rural areas which cannot be solved by the private sector alone. There presently exist some federal programs, private credit enhancements and other financial tools to complement the private banking industry in providing this needed capital. More research is needed to develop effective strategies to enhance access to capital and thereby stimulate economic development.

It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a state economic development finance authority to act as a financial conduit that, without using