

CHAPTER 115.

[Senate Bill No. 235.]

CITIES AND TOWNS—MUNICIPAL CODE COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; authorizing the preparation of a code of laws for the government thereof; creating a temporary municipal code committee; allocating to the committee moneys from the cities' and towns' share of excess moneys in the liquor revolving fund; declaring an emergency; and providing that this act shall expire June 30, 1967.

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

Municipal
code
committee.
Members—
Appointment
—Terms—
Officers—Ex-
penses—Ini-
tial meeting
—Employees.

SECTION 1. There shall be a temporary committee which shall be known as the municipal code committee. Such committee shall be composed of five members, one to be appointed by the state senate and one to be appointed by the house of representatives, and the other three members, who shall be city officials, shall be appointed by the executive committee of the association of Washington cities as the official representative of cities and towns in the state. Of the members appointed by the association, one shall be an official of a first class city; one shall be an official of either a second or third class city; and one shall be an official of a town.

The terms of members shall be for the duration of this act and shall not be dependent upon continuance in legislative or city office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made. Members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this act and their certificates of appointment shall be filed in the offices of the association. The initial meeting of the committee shall be held within thirty days after the last day for filing appointments, and shall be called by the member who is an official of a first class city who shall act as a temporary chairman.

At such first meeting, the committee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman and appoint a secretary.

Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expense and subsistence at rates provided by law for state officials generally.

The committee may employ such legal, technical, and clerical assistance as may be required to carry out its duties. The persons employed to supply legal and technical assistance shall be familiar with the operation of municipal corporations and the laws relating thereto.

SEC. 2. The committee shall prepare and submit to the fortieth legislature, in bill form, a code of laws for the government of cities and towns which shall include a form of statutory home rule. Such code may revise existing law or may be so designed as not to affect existing law but rather to provide an alternative code of laws for the classification and government of cities and towns, which any city or town may elect to adopt.

Code to be submitted to legislature.

In formulating such code, the committee may hold such hearings as may be necessary and shall decide all questions of policy relating thereto.

SEC. 3. At the second distribution in the year 1965 of the share of excess moneys in the liquor revolving fund to be allocated to the incorporated cities and towns pursuant to RCW 66.08.210, before apportionment to the eligible cities and towns as provided in that section, there shall be distributed from such share, to the temporary municipal code committee, the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of preparing and submitting to the fortieth legislature, in bill form, a code of laws for the government of cities and towns; and any portion thereof which may be unexpended on April 1, 1967 shall

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Disposition—
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revert to the cities' and towns' share and shall be divided among the eligible cities and towns as provided in RCW 66.08.210.

The money so distributed shall be deposited by the committee in any bank which is qualified as a state depository and such deposit shall be deemed to be outside the state treasury but shall be secured as provided in chapter 43.85 RCW. Such money may be disbursed in payment of the expenses of the committee by check signed by the chairman of the committee and countersigned by the vice chairman. All such moneys and expenditures shall be audited by the state auditor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.88.160 (3).

Emergency.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Expiration.

SEC. 5. This act shall expire on June 30, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 29, 1965.

Passed the House March 24, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 8, 1965.