

(7) Submit to the governor and the legislature a report containing the commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendations by (~~November 1, 1986~~) January 2, 1988.

Sec. 3. Section 9, chapter 388, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.63A.255 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.63A.250 through 43.63A.254 shall expire June 30, (~~1987~~) 1988.

Sec. 4. Section 7, chapter 388, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.63A.256 are each amended to read as follows:

The local (~~government~~) governance study commission account is hereby established in the state treasury. Moneys shall be placed into the local government study commission account as provided in RCW 82.44.151 to be used by the department of community development (~~for the biennium ending June 30, 1987~~) through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, to carry out the purposes of RCW 43.63A.250 through 43.63A.254.

This section shall expire June 30, (~~1987~~) 1988.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the local governance study commission account to the department of community development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, the sum of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1987.

Passed the House March 12, 1987.

Passed the Senate March 27, 1987.

Approved by the Governor April 3, 1987.

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CHAPTER 17

[Substitute House Bill No. 11]

EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to emergency service communication; adding new sections to chapter 82.14B RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. In lieu of providing a county-wide system of emergency service communication, the legislative authority of a county may establish one or more less than county-wide emergency service communication districts within the county for the purpose of providing and funding

emergency service communication systems. An emergency service communication district is a quasi municipal corporation, shall constitute a body corporate, and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as well as all other powers that may now or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute, including, but not limited to, the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, and to sue and be sued.

The county legislative authority shall be the governing body of an emergency service communication district. The county treasurer shall act as the ex officio treasurer of the emergency services communication district. The electors of an emergency service communication district are all registered voters residing within the district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) A county legislative authority proposing to establish an emergency service communication district, or to modify the boundaries of an existing emergency service communication district, or to dissolve an existing emergency service communication district, shall conduct a hearing at the time and place specified in a notice published at least once, not less than ten days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation within the emergency service communication district, or proposed emergency service communication district. This notice shall be in addition to any other notice required by law to be published. Additional notice of the hearing may be given by mail, posting within the proposed emergency service communication district, or in any manner the county legislative authority deems necessary to notify affected persons. All hearings shall be public and the county legislative authority shall hear objections from any person affected by the formation, modification of the boundaries, or dissolution of the emergency service communication district.

(2) Following the hearing held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the county legislative authority may call a special election on one of the dates specified in RCW 29.13.020, and submit a ballot proposition to establish the emergency service communication district, modify the boundaries of the emergency service communication district, or dissolve the emergency service communication district, if the county legislative authority finds the action to be in the public interest and adopts a resolution providing for the action. A ballot proposition to establish an emergency service communication district shall be submitted to the voters of the proposed district. A ballot proposition to modify the boundaries of an emergency service communication district shall be submitted to the voters resident in the area to be annexed to, or deannexed from, the district. A ballot proposition to dissolve an emergency service communication district shall be submitted to the voters of the district. Approval shall be by a simple majority vote.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. An emergency service communication district is authorized to finance and provide an emergency service communication system and, if authorized by the voters, to finance the system by imposing the excise tax authorized in RCW 82.14B.030.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. RCW 82.14B.040 through 82.14B.060 apply to any emergency service communication district established under sections 1 through 3 of this act. A ballot proposition to authorize the excise tax authorized under RCW 82.14B.040 through 82.14B.060 may be submitted to the voters of a proposed emergency service communication district at the same election the ballot proposition creating the district is submitted. The authority to impose the tax shall only exist if both of these ballot propositions are approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each added to chapter 82.14B RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 26, 1987.

Passed the Senate March 25, 1987.

Approved by the Governor April 3, 1987.

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CHAPTER 18

[Substitute House Bill No. 9]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—COMBINED UTILITY FUNCTIONS— ACCOUNTING

AN ACT Relating to public utility district accounting; and adding new sections to chapter 54.16 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW to read as follows:

A public utility district by resolution may combine two or more of its separate utility functions into a single utility and combine its related funds or accounts into a single fund or account. The separate utility functions include electrical energy systems, domestic water systems, irrigation systems, sanitary sewer systems, and storm sewer systems. All powers granted to public utility districts to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate such systems may be exercised in the joint acquisition, construction, maintenance, and operation of such combined systems. The establishment, maintenance, and operation of the combined system shall be governed by the public utility