

of the largest industries in this state; and whereas livestock disease constitutes a constant threat to the public health and the production of livestock in this state; and whereas the prevention and control of such livestock diseases by the state may be best carried on by the establishment of a diagnostic service program for livestock diseases; therefore it is in the public interest and for the purpose of protecting health and general welfare that a livestock diagnostic service program be established.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The director of agriculture is hereby authorized to carry on a diagnostic service program for the purpose of diagnosing any livestock disease which affects or may affect any livestock which is or may be produced in this state or otherwise handled in any manner for public distribution or consumption.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In carrying out such diagnostic service program the director of agriculture may employ, subject to the state civil service act, chapter 41.06 RCW, the necessary personnel to properly effectuate such diagnostic service program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In carrying out such diagnostic service program the director of agriculture may enter into agreements and/or contracts with any other governmental agencies whether state or federal or public institution such as Washington State University or private institutions and/or research organizations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. In carrying out such diagnostic service program, the director of agriculture may accept public or private funds, gifts or equipment or any other necessary properties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The director may, following a public hearing, establish a schedule of fees for services performed in carrying out such diagnostic service program.

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CHAPTER 101  
[House Bill No. 16]  
CITIES AND TOWNS--  
OFFICE OF MAYOR

AN ACT Relating to cities and towns; amending section 35.18.190, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.18.190; amending section 35.18.210, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.18.210; and amending section 35.24.190, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.24.190.

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

Section 1. Section 35.18.190, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.18.190 are each amended to read as follows:

Biennially at the first meeting of the new council the members thereof shall choose a chairman from among their number who shall have the title of mayor. In addition to the powers conferred upon him as mayor, he shall continue to have all the rights, privileges and immunities of a member of the council. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the members of the council at their next regular meeting shall select a mayor from among their number for the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. Section 35.18.210, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.18.210 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((if-a-vacancy-occurs-in-the-office-of-mayor,-or))~~ In case of the ~~((incumbent's))~~ mayor's absence ~~((or-disability))~~, a mayor pro tempore selected by the members of the council from among their number shall act as mayor ~~((for-the-unexpired-term-or))~~ during the continuance of the absence ~~((or-disability))~~.

Sec. 3. Section 35.24.190, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and RCW 35.24.190 are each amended to read as follows:

The members of the city council at their first meeting after each general municipal election and thereafter whenever a vacancy occurs, shall elect from among their number a mayor pro tempore, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the council and in case of the absence ~~((,-death,-or-disability))~~ of the mayor, perform the duties of mayor except that he shall not have the power to appoint or remove any officer or to veto any ordinance. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the city council at their next regular meeting shall elect from among their number a mayor, who shall serve until a mayor is elected and certified at the next municipal election.

The mayor and the mayor pro tempore shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, take affidavits and certify them. The mayor or the mayor pro tempore when acting as mayor, shall sign all conveyances made by the city and all instruments which require the seal of the city.

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CHAPTER 102  
 [Engrossed House Bill No. 671]  
 ELECTRICAL UTILITIES--  
 DUPLICATION--SERVICE AREAS

AN ACT Relating to public utilities engaged in the electrical business; declaring a legislative policy against the duplication of electric lines and service; and authorizing agreements establishing service boundaries between utilities.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. When used in this act:

(1) "Public utility" means any privately owned public utility company engaged in rendering electric service to the public for hire, any public utility district engaged in rendering service to residential customers and any city or town engaged in the electric business.

(2) "Cooperative" means any cooperative having authority to engage in the electric business.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature hereby declares that the duplication of the electric lines and service of public utilities and cooperatives is uneconomical, may create unnecessary hazards to the public safety, discourages investment in permanent underground facilities, and is unattractive, and thus is contrary to the public interest and further declares that it is in the public interest for public utilities and cooperatives to enter into agreements for the purpose of avoiding or eliminating such duplication.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In aid of the foregoing declaration of policy, any public utility and any cooperative is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any one or more other public utility or