

invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 72  
[Senate Bill No. 3366]  
THERMAL POWER—COMMON FACILITIES--  
PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION--  
COUNTY, TAXING DISTRICT COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to public utility districts; and amending section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 2, chapter 7, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 54.44.020.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 2, chapter 7, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 54.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to the powers heretofore conferred upon cities of the first class, public utility districts organized under chapter 54.08 RCW, and joint operating agencies organized under chapter 43.52 RCW, any such cities and public utility districts which operate electric generating facilities or distribution systems and any joint operating agency shall have power and authority to participate and enter into agreements with each other and with electrical companies which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Washington utilities and transportation commission or the public utility commissioner of Oregon, hereinafter called "regulated utilities", for the undivided ownership of nuclear and other thermal power generating plants and facilities, and transmission facilities including, but not limited to, related transmission facilities, hereinafter called "common facilities", and for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance thereof. It shall be provided in such agreements that each city, public utility district, or joint operating agency shall own a percentage of any common facility equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by it for the acquisition and construction thereof and shall own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

Each participant shall defray its own interest and other payments required to be made or deposited in connection with any financing undertaken by it to pay its percentage of the money

furnished or value of property supplied by it for the planning, acquisition and construction of any common facility, or any additions or betterments thereto. The agreement shall provide a uniform method of determining and allocating operation and maintenance expenses of the common facility.

Each city, public utility district, joint operating agency and regulated utility participating in the ownership or operation of a common facility shall pay all taxes chargeable to its share of the common facility and the electric energy generated thereby under applicable statutes as now or hereafter in effect, and may make payments during preliminary work and construction for any increased financial burden suffered by any county or other existing taxing district in the county in which the common facility is located, pursuant to agreement with such county or taxing district.

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CHAPTER 73

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2235]

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN—

ABSENTEE VOTING

AN ACT Relating to absentee voting; amending section 29.36.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.030; amending section 29.36.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.070; and amending section 29.36.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 39, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.095.

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

Section 1. Section 29.36.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of the certificate, either signed by the voter or attached to the voter's signed application, the officer having jurisdiction of the election, or his duly authorized representative, shall issue an absentee ballot for the election concerned.

At each general election in the even-numbered year, each absentee voter shall also be given a separate ballot containing the names of the candidates that have filed for the office of precinct committeeman provided that two or more candidates have filed for the same political party in the absentee voter's precinct and providing space for writing in the name of additional candidates.