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CHAPTER 35

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2117]

SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS—TRANSFORMATION INTO, VALIDATION AS SEWER DISTRICTS'

AN ACT Relating to special purpose districts; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. (1) On and after the effective date of this act, any sewerage improvement districts created under Title 85 RCW and located in third class counties shall become sewer districts and shall be operated, maintained, and have the same powers as sewer districts created under Title 56 RCW, upon being so ordered by the board of county commissioners of the county in which such district is located after a hearing of which notice is given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and mailed to any known creditors, holders of contracts and obligees at least thirty days prior to such hearing. After such hearing if the board of county commissioners find the converting of such district to be in the best interest of that district, it shall order that such sewer improvement district shall become a sewer district and fix the date of such conversion. All debts, contracts and obligations created while attempting to organize or operate a sewerage improvement district and all other financial obligations and powers of the district to satisfy such obligations established under Title 85 RCW are legal and valid until they are fully satisfied or discharged under Title 85 RCW.

(2) The board of supervisors of a sewerage improvement district in a third class county shall act as the board of commissioners of the sewer district created under subsection (1) of this section until other members of the board of commissioners of the sewer district are elected and qualified. There shall be an election on the same date as the 1979 state general election and the seats of all three members of the governing authority of every entity which was previously known as a sewerage improvement district in a third class county shall be up for election. The election shall be held in the manner provided for in RCW 56.12.020 for the election of the first board of commissioners of a sewer district. Thereafter, the terms of office of the members of the governing body shall be determined under RCW 56.12.020.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Any sewerage improvement district which has been operating as a sewer district shall be a sewer district under Title 56 RCW as of the effective date of this 1979 act upon being so ordered by the board of county commissioners of the county in which such district is located after a hearing of which notice is given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and mailed to any known creditors, holders of contracts and obligees at least thirty days prior to such hearing. After such hearing if the board of county commissioners finds that the sewerage improvement district was operating as a sewer district and that the converting of such district will be in the best interest of that district, it shall order that such sewer improvement district shall become a sewer district immediately upon the passage of the resolution containing such order. The debts, contracts and obligations of any sewerage improvement district which has been erroneously operating as a sewer district are recognized as legal and binding. The members of the government authority of any sewerage improvement district which has been operating as a sewer district and who were erroneously elected as sewer district commissioners shall be recognized as the governing authority of a sewer district. The members of the governing authority shall continue in office for the term for which they were elected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 56.02 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) The board of commissioners of a sewer district may notify the owner or reputed owner of any tract, parcel of land, or other property located within the area included in a petition for a local improvement district being circulated under chapter 56.20 RCW or in a petition for annexation being circulated under chapter 56.24 RCW.

(2) Upon the request of any person, the board of commissioners of a sewer district may:

(a) Review a proposed petition to check if the petition is properly drafted; and

(b) Provide information regarding the effects of the adoption of any proposed petition.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 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.

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