

property at the time of the granting of the option, as determined by the department of revenue or when the option is held by the United States, or by an appropriate agency thereof.

Passed the House May 9, 1979.

Passed the Senate May 7, 1979.

Approved by the Governor May 17, 1979.

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CHAPTER 194

[Substitute House Bill No. 76]

CITIES AND COUNTIES—HOME RULE—LEGISLATIVE STUDY

AN ACT Relating to local government; and adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The Legislature finds that confusion and ambiguity exists in relation to "home rule" powers of cities and counties. The legislature further recognizes that expansion of home rule powers creates questions of conflict and duplication of laws and ordinances, the effects of which are of concern to all the citizens of the state of Washington.

Therefore, the legislature hereby empowers and directs that a joint committee composed of six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives be appointed to study the issue of "home rule." The committee shall be composed of three members of the majority and three members of the minority from each house of the legislature appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker(s) of the House of Representatives. The joint committee shall hold hearings and report to the legislature their findings and recommendations on or before February 1, 1981.

Passed the House May 11, 1979.

Passed the Senate April 12, 1979.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 1979.

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CHAPTER 195

[House Bill No. 100]

STATE ROUTE NUMBER 27

AN ACT Relating to state highway routes; and amending section 24, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1975 and RCW 47.17.115.

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

Section. 1. Section 24, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1975 and RCW 47.17.115 are each amended to read as follows: