

requirement on the pull date for perishable packaged food goods which have a shelf life of seven days or less. No perishable packaged food goods shall be offered for sale after the pull date, except as provided in RCW 69.04.910.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. 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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CHAPTER 58  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2572]  
SEWER DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to sewer districts; amending section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.04.020; amending section 10, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.08.010; amending section 22, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 11, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.16.090; amending section 27, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 40, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.020; amending section 28, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 9, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.030; and adding a new section to chapter 56.20 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Sewer districts for the acquirement, construction, maintenance, operation, development, reorganization, and regulation of a system of sewers, including treatment and disposal plants and all necessary appurtenances and providing for additions and betterments thereto, are hereby authorized to be established or reorganized in the various counties of this state. A system of sewers means and includes: Sanitary sewage disposal sewers, combined sanitary sewage disposal and storm or surface water sewers, storm or surface water sewers, outfalls for storm or sanitary sewage, and works, plants, and facilities for sanitary sewage treatment and disposal, or any combination of or part of any or all of such

facilities. Such districts may include within their boundaries portions or all of one or more counties, incorporated cities, or towns or other political subdivisions: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, No portion or all of any incorporated city or town may be included without the consent by resolution of the city or town legislative authority: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such reorganization of any existing sewer district shall not affect the outstanding bonds, warrants or other indebtedness incurred by such district prior to its reorganization.

Sec. 2. Section 10, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.08.010 are each amended to read as follows:

A sewer district may acquire by purchase or by condemnation and purchase all lands, property rights, water, and water rights, both within and without the district, necessary for its purposes. A sewer district may lease real or personal property necessary for its purposes for a term of years for which such leased property may reasonably be needed where in the opinion of the board of sewer commissioners such property may not be needed permanently or substantial savings to the district can be effected thereby. The right of eminent domain shall be exercised in the same manner and by the same procedure as provided for cities of the third class, insofar as consistent with the provisions of this title, except that all assessments or reassessment rolls required to be filed by eminent domain commissioners or commissioners appointed by the court shall be prepared and filed by the district, and the duties devolving upon the city treasurer shall be imposed upon the county treasurer for the purposes hereof; it may construct, condemn and purchase, add to, maintain, and operate systems of sewers for the purpose of furnishing the district and inhabitants thereof with an adequate system of sewers for all uses and purposes, public and private, including the drainage of storm or surface waters, public highways, streets, and roads with full authority to regulate the use and operation thereof and the service rates to be charged. For such purposes a district may conduct sewage throughout the district and throughout other political subdivisions within the district, and construct and lay sewer pipe along and upon public highways, roads, and streets, within and without the district, and condemn and purchase or acquire land and rights of way necessary for such sewer pipe. A district may erect sewage treatment plants, within or without the district, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation, properties or privileges necessary to be had to protect any lakes, rivers, or watercourses and also other areas of land from pollution, from its sewers or its sewage treatment plant. A district may charge property owners seeking to connect to the district system of sewers, as a condition

to granting the right to so connect, in addition to the cost of such connection, such reasonable connection charge as the board of commissioners shall determine to be proper in order that such property owners shall bear their equitable share of the cost of such system. A district may compel all property owners within the sewer district located within an area served by the district system of sewers to connect their private drain and sewer systems with the district system under such penalty as the sewer commissioners shall prescribe by resolution. The district may for such purpose enter upon private property and connect the private drains or sewers with the district system and the cost thereof shall be charged against the property owner and shall be a lien upon property served.

Sec. 3. Section 22, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 11, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.16.090 are each amended to read as follows:

The sewer commissioners of any sewer district, in the event that such sewer revenue bonds are issued, shall provide for revenues by fixing rates and charges for the furnishing of sewerage disposal service to those to whom such service is available. Such rates and charges may be combined for the furnishing of more than one type of sewer service such as but not limited to storm or surface water and sanitary. Such rates and charges are to be fixed as deemed necessary by such sewer commissioners, so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service. In classifying customers served or service furnished by such system of sewerage, the board of commissioners may in its discretion consider any or all of the following factors: The difference in cost of service to the various customers; the location of the various customers within and without the district; the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the various parts of the system; the different character of the service furnished various customers; the quantity and quality of the sewage delivered and the time of its delivery; capital contributions made to the system including but not limited to assessments; and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for distinction. Such rates are to be made on a monthly basis and shall produce revenues sufficient to take care of the costs of maintenance and operation, revenue bond and warrant interest and principal amortization requirements, and all other charges necessary for efficient and proper operation of the system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 56.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to all of the powers and authorities set forth in Title 56 RCW, any sewer district shall have all of the powers of cities as set forth in chapter 35.43 RCW and chapter 35.44 RCW.

Sec. 5. Section 27, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as [last] amended by section 1, chapter 40, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Utility local improvement districts to carry out all or any portion of the comprehensive plan, or additions and betterments thereof, adopted for the sewer district may be initiated either by resolution of the board of sewer commissioners or by petition signed by the owners according to the records of the office of the county auditor of at least fifty-one percent of the area of the land within the limits of the utility local improvement district to be created.

In case the board of sewer commissioners shall desire to initiate the formation of a utility local improvement district by resolution, it shall first pass a resolution declaring its intention to order such improvement, setting forth the nature and territorial extent of such proposed improvement, designating the number of the proposed utility local improvement district, describing the boundaries thereof, stating the estimated cost and expense of the improvement and the proportionate amount thereof which will be borne by the property within the proposed district, and fixing a date, time and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed local district, which date shall, unless there is an emergency, be no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days from the day the resolution of intention was adopted.

In case any such utility local improvement district shall be initiated by petition, such petition shall set forth the nature and territorial extent of such proposed improvement and the fact that the signers thereof are the owners according to the records of the county auditor of at least fifty-one percent of the area of land within the limits of the utility local improvement district to be created. Upon the filing of such petition with the secretary of the board of sewer commissioners, the board shall determine whether the same shall be sufficient, and the board's determination thereof shall be conclusive upon all persons. No person shall withdraw his name from said petition after the filing thereof with the secretary of the board of sewer commissioners. If the board shall find the petition to be sufficient, it shall proceed to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to order the improvement petitioned for, setting forth the nature and territorial extent of said improvement, designating the number of the proposed local district, describing the boundaries thereof, stating the estimated cost and expense of the improvement and the proportionate amount thereof which will be borne by the

property within the proposed local district, and fixing a date, time and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed local district.

Notice of the adoption of the resolution of intention, whether the resolution was adopted on the initiative of the board or pursuant to a petition of the property owners, shall be published in at least two consecutive issues of a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed local district, the date of the first publication to be at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed by such resolution for hearing before the board of sewer commissioners. Notice of the adoption of the resolution of intention shall also be given each owner or reputed owner of any lot, tract, parcel of land or other property within the proposed improvement district by mailing said notice at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the public hearing to the owner or reputed owner of the property as shown on the tax rolls of the county treasurer at the address shown thereon. The notices shall refer to the resolution of intention and designate the proposed improvement district by number. Said notices shall also set forth the nature of the proposed improvement, the total estimated cost, the proportion of total cost to be borne by assessments, the date, time and place of the hearing before the board of sewer commissioners; and in the case of improvements initiated by resolution, said notice shall also state that all persons desiring to object to the formation of the proposed district must file their written protests with the secretary of the board of sewer commissioners before the time fixed for said public hearing. In the case of the notice given each owner or reputed owner by mail, the notice shall set forth the estimated amount of the cost and expense of such improvement to be borne by the particular lot, tract, parcel of land or other property.

Sec. 6. Section 28, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 9, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Whether the improvement is initiated by petition or resolution, the board shall conduct a public hearing at the time and place designated in the notice to property owners. At this hearing the board shall hear objections from any person affected by the formation of the local district and may make such changes in the boundaries of the district or such modifications in plans for the proposed improvement as shall be deemed necessary: PROVIDED, That the board may not change the boundaries of the district to include property not previously included therein without first passing a new resolution of intention and giving a new notice to property owners in

the manner and form and within the time herein provided for the original notice.

After said hearing the commissioners shall have jurisdiction to overrule protests and proceed with any such improvement initiated by petition or resolution: PROVIDED, That the jurisdiction of the commissioners to proceed with any improvement initiated by resolution shall be divested: (a) by protests filed with the secretary of the board prior to said public hearing signed by the owners, according to the records of the county auditor, of at least forty percent of the area of land within the proposed local district or (b) by the commissioners not adopting a resolution ordering the improvement at a public hearing held not more than 90 days from the day the resolution of intention was adopted, unless the commissioners file with the county auditor a copy of the notice required by RCW 56.20.020, and in no event at a hearing held more than two years from the day the resolution of intention was adopted.

If the commissioners find that the district should be formed, they shall by resolution order the improvement, provide the general funds of the sewer district to be applied thereto, adopt detailed plans of the utility local improvement district and declare the estimated cost thereof, acquire all necessary land therefor, pay all damages caused thereby, and commence in the name of the sewer district such eminent domain proceedings and supplemental assessment or reassessment proceedings to pay all eminent domain awards as may be necessary to entitle the district to proceed with the work. The board of sewer commissioners shall proceed with the work and file with the county treasurer of each county in which the real property is to be assessed its roll levying special assessments in the amount to be paid by special assessment against the property situated within the local improvement district in proportion to the special benefits to be derived by the property therein from the improvement.

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CHAPTER 59  
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WASHINGTON CLEAN AIR ACT—  
AIR EMISSIONS VARIANCES

AN ACT Relating to air pollution variances; amending section 31, chapter 238, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 22, chapter