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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 11. If any provision of this 1979 act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Passed the House April 23, 1979. Passed the Senate April 11, 1979. Approved by the Governor May 2, 1979. Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 2, 1979.

CHAPTER 125

[House Bill No. 989]

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES—UTILITY FACILITY LEASES—FEDERAL HOLDING COMPANY LAW EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to the powers and duties of the utilities and transportation commission; and adding a new section to chapter 80.04 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 1. There is added to chapter 80.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to any other powers and duties under this chapter, the commission shall have the authority to authorize and approve the terms of any lease of utility facilities by a public service company, as lessee, if the public service company makes proper application to the commission certifying that such authorization or approval is necessary or appropriate to exempt any owner of the facilities from being a public utility company under the federal Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Passed the House March 21, 1979. Passed the Senate April 18, 1979. Approved by the Governor May 2, 1979. Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 2, 1979.

CHAPTER 126

[Substitute House Bill No. 57] LOCAL OFFICIALS——ELECTION OF

AN ACT Relating to local government; amending section 3, chapter 114, Laws of 1951 and RCW 14.08.304; amending section 28A.57.312, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 43, Laws of 1975 and RCW 28A.57.312; amending section 5, chapter 15, Laws of 1975–'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.328; amending section 3, chapter 67, Laws of 1971 as amended by section 102, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.356; amending section 6, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.357; amending section 7, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.357; amending section 8, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.358; amending section 8, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.358; amending section 29.13.021, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.13.021; amending section 29.13.023, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and