
HOUSE BILL 1896

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By Representatives Pelesky and Casada

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1 AN ACT Relating to community councils in unincorporated areas; and
2 amending RCW 36.105.010, 36.105.020, and 36.105.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.105.010 and 1991 c 363 s 99 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Voters of the unincorporated areas of the state are authorized to
7 establish community councils as provided in this chapter.

8 It is the purpose of this chapter to provide voters of
9 unincorporated areas in counties with a population of over thirty
10 thousand that are made up entirely of islands and in counties with a
11 population of over six hundred thousand with direct input on the
12 planning and zoning of their community by establishing a governmental
13 mechanism to adopt proposed community comprehensive plans and proposed
14 community zoning ordinances that are consistent with an overall guide
15 and framework adopted by the county legislative authority. In
16 addition, it is the purpose of this chapter to have community councils
17 serve as forums for the discussion of local issues.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.105.020 and 1991 c 363 s 100 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5 (1) "Community" means a portion of the unincorporated area for
6 which a community council has been established and which is located in
7 a county with a population of over thirty thousand that is made up
8 entirely of islands and in counties with a population of over six
9 hundred thousand.

10 (2) "Community comprehensive plan" means a comprehensive plan
11 adopted by a community council.

12 (3) "Community council" means the governing body established under
13 this chapter to adopt community comprehensive plans and community
14 zoning ordinances for a community.

15 (4) "Community zoning ordinances" means the zoning ordinances
16 adopted by a community council to implement a community comprehensive
17 plan.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.105.030 and 1991 c 363 s 101 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 A community for which a community council is created may include
21 only unincorporated territory located in a single county with a
22 population of over thirty thousand that is made up entirely of islands
23 and in counties with a population of over six hundred thousand and not
24 included within a city or town. A community council must have at least
25 one thousand persons residing within the community when the community
26 council is created or, where the community only includes an entire
27 island, at least three hundred persons must reside on the island when
28 the community council is created. Any portion of such a community that
29 is annexed by a city or town, or is incorporated as a city or town,
30 shall be removed from the community upon the effective date of the
31 annexation or the official date of the incorporation.

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