
HOUSE BILL 1614

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By Representatives Sullivan, Talcott and Bush

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1 AN ACT Relating to city utilities; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 35.92 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the charter of a first class
7 city to the contrary, a board or other body established in the city to
8 manage or operate one or more utilities shall consist of seven members
9 who are appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the council, to
10 staggered five-year terms of office. Five members of the board or
11 other body shall be city residents and two additional members of the
12 board shall be residents of the greater utility service area of the
13 city that is located outside of the city boundaries. The two
14 additional members residing in the greater utility service area of the
15 city located outside of the city shall be appointed within two months
16 of the effective date of this act. Each of the five appointees from
17 the city must have resided in the district from which he or she is
18 appointed for at least one year prior to being appointed. The two
19 members who reside in the portion of the greater utility service area

1 of the city that is located outside of the city boundaries must have
2 resided in that area for at least one year prior to being appointed.
3 Each district within the city shall have approximately the same
4 population and shall be the city council districts if five city council
5 districts exist in the city.

6 Staggering of terms shall be accomplished by appointing one of the
7 additional two members who resides in the greater utility service area
8 outside of the city to a three-year term of office and the other new
9 member who resides in the greater utility service area outside of the
10 city to a five-year term of office. Existing members of the board or
11 other body shall retain their current terms of office and be replaced
12 by appointees residing in different districts in the city.

13 (2) Each member of the board or other body, including the members
14 who held those positions on the effective date of this act, shall
15 receive the same compensation provided under RCW 54.12.080 that a
16 public utility district commissioner receives, with the gross revenues
17 of the utility or utilities managed and operated by the board or other
18 body being considered the gross revenues of the district.

19 (3) The greater utility service area of the city shall include the
20 entire city and an area or areas contiguous to the city that includes
21 every residence outside of the city that is served by any of the
22 utility services managed or operated by the board or other body.

23 (4) The board or other body shall select a director of each utility
24 under its jurisdiction, or a single director for two or more utilities
25 under its jurisdiction, and shall recommend utility rates to the city
26 council which shall set the utility rates.

27 (5) Any efforts of the city to provide cable service shall be
28 managed and operated by the board or other body.

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