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1 AN ACT Relating to public transportation systems; and amending RCW
2 36.57A.110 and 36.57A.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.110 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 270 s 21 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The public transportation benefit area shall have and exercise
7 all rights with respect to the construction, acquisition, maintenance,
8 operation, extension, alteration, repair, control and management of
9 passenger transportation which any component city shall have been
10 previously empowered to exercise and such powers shall not thereafter
11 be exercised by such component cities without the consent of the public
12 transportation benefit area(~~(: PROVIDED, That)~~). Any city owning and
13 operating a public transportation system on July 1, 1975, may continue
14 to operate such system within such city until such system shall have
15 been acquired by the public transportation benefit area and a public
16 transportation benefit area may not acquire such system without the
17 consent of the city council of such city except as provided in
18 subsection (2) of this section.

1 (2) In any county where a public transportation benefit area and a
2 city both operate a public transportation system, the county shall
3 submit a ballot proposition to the voters of the public transportation
4 benefit area and the city on the question of whether the public
5 transportation benefit area shall acquire the public transportation
6 system owned by the city. The ballot proposition shall state that
7 approval shall also constitute agreement that the city shall be subject
8 to all taxes and other liabilities and obligations of the public
9 transportation benefit area. Such vote shall take place before January
10 1, 2002, and a simple majority shall authorize acquisition. Upon a
11 favorable vote, the city shall be included within the boundaries of the
12 transportation benefit area and be subject to all taxes and other
13 liabilities and obligations of the public transportation benefit area.
14 Public transportation facilities and properties which are owned by the
15 city shall become the property of the public transportation benefit
16 area.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.57A.130 and 1983 c 151 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The treasurer of the county in which a public transportation
20 benefit area authority is located shall be ex officio treasurer of the
21 authority. In the case of a multicounty public transportation benefit
22 area the county treasurer of the largest component county, by
23 population, shall be the treasurer of the authority. However, the
24 authority, by resolution, and upon the approval of the county
25 treasurer, may designate some other person having experience in
26 financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the authority. Such a
27 treasurer shall possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties
28 the county treasurer possesses for a public transportation benefit area
29 authority related to investing surplus authority funds. The authority
30 may (and if the treasurer is not a county treasurer, it shall) require
31 a bond with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of
32 Washington in an amount and under the terms and conditions the
33 authority, by resolution, from time to time finds will protect the
34 authority against loss. The premium on any such bond shall be paid by
35 the authority.

36 All authority funds shall be paid to the treasurer and shall be
37 disbursed by the treasurer only on warrants issued by the county
38 auditor, upon orders or vouchers approved by the authority. However,

1 the authority may, by resolution, designate some person having
2 experience in financial or fiscal matters, other than the county
3 auditor, as the auditor of the authority. Such an auditor shall
4 possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties that the county
5 auditor possesses for a public transportation benefit area authority
6 related to creating and maintaining funds, issuing warrants, and
7 maintaining a record of receipts and disbursements.

8 The treasurer shall establish a "transportation fund," into which
9 shall be paid all authority funds, and the treasurer shall maintain
10 such special accounts as may be created by the authority into which
11 shall be placed all money as the authority may, by resolution, direct.

12 If the treasurer of the authority is a treasurer of the county, all
13 authority funds shall be deposited with the county depository under the
14 same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county
15 depositories. If the treasurer of the authority is some other person,
16 all funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks authorized to do
17 business in this state that have qualified for insured deposits under
18 any federal deposit insurance act as the authority, by resolution,
19 shall designate.

20 An authority may provide and require a reasonable bond of any other
21 person handling moneys or securities of the authority, but the
22 authority shall pay the premium on the bond.

23 The county or counties and each city or town which is included in
24 the authority shall contribute such sums towards the expense for
25 maintaining and operating the public transportation system as shall be
26 agreed upon between them.

27 On and after January 1, 2002, any city operating a public
28 transportation system within a county where a public transportation
29 benefit area operates a public transportation system shall by
30 interlocal agreement contribute such sums as necessary to fully
31 compensate the public transportation benefit area for services provided
32 to the city.

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