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By Representative Pike

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring voter approval for any agreement
2 between a public transportation benefit area and certain entities in
3 adjoining states; amending RCW 36.57A.080; and providing an effective
4 date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.080 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 270 s 18 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) In addition to the powers specifically granted by this
9 chapter a public transportation benefit area shall have all powers
10 which are necessary to carry out the purposes of the public
11 transportation benefit area. A public transportation benefit area may
12 contract with the United States or any agency thereof, any state or
13 agency thereof, any other public transportation benefit area, any
14 county, city, metropolitan municipal corporation, special district,
15 or governmental agency, within or without the state, and any private
16 person, firm or corporation for the purpose of receiving gifts or
17 grants or securing loans or advances for preliminary planning and
18 feasibility studies, or for the design, construction or operation of
19 transportation facilities. In addition a public transportation
20 benefit area may contract with any governmental agency or with any
21 private person, firm or corporation for the use by either contracting

1 party of all or any part of the facilities, structures, lands,
2 interests in lands, air rights over lands and rights-of-way of all
3 kinds which are owned, leased or held by the other party and for the
4 purpose of planning, constructing or operating any facility or
5 performing any service which the public transportation benefit area
6 may be authorized to operate or perform, on such terms as may be
7 agreed upon by the contracting parties. Before any contract for the
8 lease or operation of any public transportation benefit area
9 facilities shall be let to any private person, firm or corporation, a
10 general schedule of rental rates for bus equipment with or without
11 drivers shall be publicly posted applicable to all private
12 certificated carriers, and for other facilities competitive bids
13 shall first be called upon such notice, bidder qualifications and bid
14 conditions as the public transportation benefit area authority shall
15 determine.

16 (2) A public transportation benefit area may sue and be sued in
17 its corporate capacity in all courts and in all proceedings.

18 (3) Prior to entering into a contract or any other agreement with
19 an adjoining state or any state agency, county, city, metropolitan
20 municipal corporation, special district, or other governmental agency
21 in an adjoining state, as allowed under subsection (1) of this
22 section, a public transportation benefit area must submit an
23 authorizing proposition to the voters or include such authorization
24 in a proposition to the voters, and may enter into the contract or
25 other agreement only if the authorizing proposition is approved by a
26 majority of persons voting on the proposition.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

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