
SENATE BILL 5096

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By Senators McCaslin and Deccio

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1 AN ACT Relating to determination of population for counties
2 required to engage in growth management planning; and amending RCW
3 36.70A.040.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 4 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Each county that has both a population of fifty thousand or
8 more and has had its population increase by more than ten percent in
9 the previous ten years, and the cities located within such county, and
10 any other county regardless of its population that has had its
11 population increase by more than twenty percent in the previous ten
12 years, and the cities located within such county, shall adopt
13 comprehensive land use plans and development regulations under this
14 chapter. However, the county legislative authority of such a county
15 with a population of less than fifty thousand population may adopt a
16 resolution removing the county, and the cities located within the
17 county, from the requirements of adopting comprehensive land use plans
18 and development regulations under this chapter if this resolution is
19 adopted and filed with the department by December 31, 1990. Once a

1 county meets either of these criteria, the requirement to conform with
2 RCW 36.70A.040 through 36.70A.160 remains in effect, even if the county
3 no longer meets one of these criteria. In determining population
4 levels or population increases under this subsection, inmates in state
5 correctional institutions and uniformed military personnel assigned to
6 military installations located within the county shall not be counted.

7 (2) The county legislative authority of any county that does not
8 meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section may adopt a
9 resolution indicating its intention to have subsection (1) of this
10 section apply to the county. Each city, located in a county that
11 chooses to plan under this subsection, shall adopt a comprehensive land
12 use plan in accordance with this chapter. Once such a resolution has
13 been adopted, the county cannot remove itself from the requirements of
14 this chapter.

15 (3) Any county or city that is required to adopt a comprehensive
16 land use plan under subsection (1) of this section shall adopt the plan
17 on or before July 1, 1993. Any county or city that is required to
18 adopt a comprehensive land use plan under subsection (2) of this
19 section shall adopt the plan not later than three years from the date
20 the county legislative body takes action as required by subsection (2)
21 of this section.

22 (4) If the office of financial management certifies that the
23 population of a county has changed sufficiently to meet the
24 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, and the county
25 legislative authority has not adopted a resolution removing the county
26 from these requirements as provided in subsection (1) of this section,
27 the county and each city within such county shall adopt: (a)
28 Development regulations under RCW 36.70A.060 within one year of the
29 certification by the office of financial management; (b) a
30 comprehensive land use plan under this chapter within three years of
31 the certification by the office of financial management; and (c)
32 development regulations pursuant to this chapter within one year of
33 having adopted its comprehensive land use plan.

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