
SENATE BILL 6021

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By Senators Haugen and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency service communication districts; and
2 amending RCW 82.14B.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14B.070 and 1987 c 17 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In lieu of providing a county-wide system of emergency service
7 communication, the legislative authority of a county may establish one
8 or more less than county-wide emergency service communication districts
9 within the county for the purpose of providing and funding emergency
10 service communication systems. An emergency service communication
11 district is a quasi-municipal corporation, shall constitute a body
12 corporate, and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for
13 public purposes as well as all other powers that may now or hereafter
14 be specifically conferred by statute, including, but not limited to,
15 the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, to enter into
16 contracts, and to sue and be sued.

17 The county legislative authority shall be the governing body of an
18 emergency service communication district. The county treasurer shall
19 act as the ex officio treasurer of the emergency services communication

1 district. The electors of an emergency service communication district
2 are all registered voters residing within the district.

3 A county legislative authority proposing to consolidate existing
4 emergency service communication districts shall conduct a hearing at
5 the time and place specified in a notice published at least once, not
6 less than ten days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general
7 circulation within the emergency service communication districts. All
8 hearings shall be public and the county legislative authority shall
9 hear objections from any person affected by the consolidation of the
10 emergency service communication districts. Following the hearing, the
11 county legislative authority may consolidate the emergency service
12 communication districts, if the county legislative authority finds the
13 action to be in the public interest and adopts a resolution providing
14 for the action. The county legislative authority shall specify the
15 manner in which consolidation is to be accomplished.

16 A county legislative authority proposing to dissolve an existing
17 emergency service communication district shall conduct a hearing at the
18 time and place specified in a notice published at least once, not less
19 than ten days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general
20 circulation within the emergency service communication district. All
21 hearings shall be public and the county legislative authority shall
22 hear objections from any person affected by the dissolution of the
23 emergency service communication district. Following the hearing, the
24 county legislative authority may dissolve the emergency service
25 communication district, if the county legislative authority finds the
26 action to be in the public interest and adopts a resolution providing
27 for the action. The county legislative authority shall specify the
28 manner in which dissolution is to be accomplished and shall supervise
29 the liquidation of any assets and the satisfaction of any outstanding
30 indebtedness.

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