

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1790

Chapter 188, Laws of 1995

(partial veto)

54th Legislature
1995 Regular Session

DIRECTOR OF COMBINED CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT--APPOINTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the House March 8, 1995
Yeas 98 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1995
Yeas 48 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved May 1, 1995, with the
exception of section 2, which is
vetoed.

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of
the House of Representatives of the
State of Washington, do hereby certify
that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1790**
as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on the
dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

FILED

May 1, 1995 - 11:30 a.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

HOUSE BILL 1790

Passed Legislature - 1995 Regular Session

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By Representatives Reams, R. Fisher, Sommers and Dyer

Read first time 02/08/95. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to the appointment of the director of a combined
2 city and county health department; amending RCW 70.08.040; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.08.040 and 1985 c 124 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in any
8 city or county charter, where a combined department is established
9 under this chapter, the director of public health under this chapter
10 shall be appointed by the county executive of the county and the mayor
11 of the city (~~for a term of four years and until a successor is~~
12 ~~appointed and confirmed. The director of public health may be~~
13 ~~reappointed by the county executive of the county and the mayor of the~~
14 ~~city for additional four year terms)). The appointment shall be
15 effective only upon a majority vote confirmation of the legislative
16 authority of the county and the legislative authority of the city. The
17 director may be removed by the county executive of the county, after
18 consultation with the mayor of the city, upon filing a statement of~~

1 reasons therefor with the legislative authorities of the county and the
2 city.

3 ***NEW SECTION.** *Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate*
4 *preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the*
5 *state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take*
6 *effect immediately.*

7 *Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

Passed the House March 8, 1995.

Passed the Senate April 12, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 1, 1995, with the exception of certain
items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 1, 1995.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2,
House Bill No. 1790 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the appointment of the director of a combined
city and county health department;"

This bill deletes specific mention of a term of employment for the
directors of combined city/county health departments, thereby making
their employment consistent with that of the public health officers in
other districts.

This legislation includes an emergency clause in section 2. In
contacting the principal proponents of this measure, my office has been
informed that, although this new language will prove of great
importance, no jurisdiction faces an immediate issue due to this change
as was the case earlier. Given this change of circumstance, preventing
this bill from being subject to a referendum under Article II, section
1(b) of the state Constitution unnecessarily denies the people of this
state their power, at their own option, to approve or reject this bill
at the polls.

With the exception of section 2, House Bill No. 1790 is approved."