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1 AN ACT Relating to code city form of government elections and
2 city manager appointment; and amending RCW 35A.06.040 and 35A.13.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35A.06.040 and 1990 c 259 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Upon the passage of a resolution of the legislative body of a
7 noncharter code city, or upon the filing of a sufficient petition
8 with the county auditor signed by registered voters in number equal
9 to not less than ten percent of the votes cast at the last general
10 municipal election therein, proposing abandonment by the city of the
11 plan of government under which it is then operating and adoption of
12 another plan, naming such plan and its effective date, the
13 sufficiency of the petition for abandonment shall be determined, an
14 election ordered and conducted, and the results declared generally as
15 provided in chapter 35A.02 RCW insofar as such provisions are
16 applicable. If the resolution or petition proposes a plan of
17 government other than those authorized in chapters 35A.12 RCW and
18 35A.13 RCW of this title, the resolution or petition shall specify
19 the class under which such city will be classified upon adoption of
20 such plan.

1 (2) A resolution proposing abandonment of a city's current plan
2 of government and the adoption of a council-manager plan of
3 government under subsection (1) of this section may be combined with
4 a resolution proposing to designate the person elected to council
5 position one as the chair of the council as described in RCW
6 35A.13.033, and such a combined proposal may be placed before the
7 voters of the city as a single proposition.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35A.13.050 and 2009 c 549 s 3022 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The city manager need not be a resident at the time of his or her
11 appointment, (~~but shall reside in the code city after his or her~~
12 ~~appointment~~)) unless such (~~residence~~) residency is (~~waived~~)
13 required by the council. He or she shall be chosen by the council
14 solely on the basis of his or her executive and administrative
15 qualifications with special reference to his or her actual experience
16 in, or his or her knowledge of, accepted practice in respect to the
17 duties of his or her office. No person elected to membership on the
18 council shall be eligible for appointment as city manager until one
19 year has elapsed following the expiration of the term for which he or
20 she was elected.

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