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**SENATE BILL 5807**

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**By** Senators Frame, Gildon, Trudeau, Rivers, Cleveland, King, Kuderer, Mullet, and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to housing authorities; and amending RCW  
2 35.82.300.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.82.300 and 2002 c 258 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 This section applies to all cities and counties.

7 (1) Joint housing authorities are hereby authorized when the  
8 legislative authorities of one or more counties and the legislative  
9 authorities of any city or cities within any of those counties or in  
10 another county or counties have authorized such joint housing  
11 authority by ordinance. For legislative authorities that have created  
12 housing authorities prior to the effective date of this section, a  
13 joint housing authority may be formed by two or more city governments  
14 without county legislative authority authorization.

15 ~~((2))~~ The ordinances creating a joint housing authority must:  
16 (a) Provide for the creation of a new public body corporate and  
17 politic; or (b) Provide that a housing authority created under this  
18 chapter and previously activated by resolution of one of the  
19 legislative authorities creating the joint housing authority will be  
20 converted to, and will thereafter operate as, a joint housing  
21 authority.

1       (3) The ordinances enacted by the legislative authorities  
2 creating the joint housing authority shall prescribe the number of  
3 commissioners, the method for their appointment and length of their  
4 terms, the election of officers, and the method for removal of  
5 commissioners.

6       ~~((3))~~ (4) The ordinances enacted by the legislative authorities  
7 creating the joint housing authority shall prescribe the allocation  
8 of all costs of the joint housing authority and any other matters  
9 necessary for the operation of the joint housing authority.

10       ~~((4))~~ (5) A joint housing authority shall have all the powers  
11 as prescribed by this chapter for any housing authority. The area of  
12 operation of a joint housing authority shall be the combined areas,  
13 defined by RCW 35.82.020(6), of the housing authorities created in  
14 each city and county authorizing the joint housing authority.

15       ~~((5))~~ (6) The provisions of RCW 35.82.040 and 35.82.060 shall  
16 not apply to a joint housing authority created pursuant to this  
17 section.

18       (7) Unless a delayed date is specified in the ordinances  
19 providing for the creation of a joint housing authority, the creation  
20 of, or conversion to, a joint housing authority will take effect upon  
21 the latest effective date of the ordinances providing for its  
22 creation.

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