

SHB 1339 - H AMD 148

By Representative Waters

1 On page 3, line 26, after "(6)" insert "(a)"

2 On page 3, line 27, after "may" strike "choose to hold" and
3 insert "conduct"

4 On page 3, beginning on line 28, after "years" strike all
5 material through "following" on line 29 and insert "if:"

6 (i) The city, town, or special purpose district chooses to hold
7 its regular elections in even-numbered years by"

8 On page 3, line 32, after "RCW" strike "35.22.220" and insert
9 "35.22.120"

10 On page 3, line 34, after "voters" insert ";"

11 (ii) All cities, towns, and special purpose districts in the
12 county in which the city, town, or special purpose district is
13 located choose to conduct their elections in even-numbered years
14 through a method listed in (a)(i) of this subsection. A city, town,
15 or special purpose district that has voters in more than one county
16 may conduct its regular elections in even-numbered years if all the
17 cities, towns, and special purpose districts in at least one of the
18 counties that the city, town, or special purpose district has voters
19 choose to conduct their elections in even-numbered years; and

20 (iii) The county in which the cities, towns, and special purpose
21 districts that choose to conduct their elections in even-numbered
22 years under (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection are located allows
23 cities, towns, and special purpose districts to conduct their
24 elections in even-numbered years. A county may choose to allow
25 cities, towns, and special purpose districts located wholly or
26 partially in the county to hold their regular elections in even-
27 numbered years by adoption of an ordinance or policy; approval by the
28 voters of an ordinance or charter amendment referred by its
29 legislative body; or in jurisdictions in which citizens may propose
30 an initiative or charter under Article 11 of the Constitution of the

1 state of Washington, approval by the voters of an initiative of
2 charter amendment proposed by the voters"

3 On page 3, at the beginning of line 35, strike "(a)" and insert
4 "(b) (i)"

5 On page 4, at the beginning of line 3, strike "(b)" and insert
6 "(ii) A county that permits cities, towns, and special purpose
7 districts located wholly or partially in the county to conduct their
8 elections in even-numbered years through adoption of an ordinance or
9 policy by its legislative body must hold two public hearings not less
10 than 30 days apart to consider public input. A vote on final adoption
11 of the ordinance or policy may be taken only after at least 30 days
12 have elapsed since the date on which the second of the two public
13 hearings was held.

14 (c)"

15 Reletter the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
16 internal references accordingly.

17 On page 4, beginning on line 8, after "amendment" strike "that
18 proposes the transition" and insert "adopted by the county, which
19 allows cities, towns, and special purpose districts located wholly or
20 partially in the county to conduct their regular elections in even-
21 numbered years"

22 On page 4, line 19, after "jurisdiction" insert "and all cities,
23 towns, and special purpose districts, which are located wholly or
24 partially in the same county and conducting their elections in even-
25 numbered years under this subsection"

26 On page 4, line 24, after "adopted" insert "by the county and the
27 city, town, or special purpose district"

28 On page 4, line 26, after "under" strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"

EFFECT: (1) Limits when cities, towns, and special purpose districts may conduct their elections in even-numbered years. Cities, towns, and special purpose districts may only conduct their elections in even-numbered years if (a) all of the cities, towns, and special purpose districts in at least one county in which the city, town, or special purpose district is located choose to conduct their elections in even-numbered years, and (b) the county in which the cities, towns, and special purpose districts are located allows cities,

towns, and special purpose districts to conduct their elections in even-numbered years.

(2) Specifies the methods for how a county may choose to allow cities, towns, and special purpose districts to conduct their elections in even-numbered years.

(3) Requires a county that allows even-numbered year elections through adoption of an ordinance or policy to conduct two public hearings prior to final adoption.

(4) Provides that the length of the transitional term is specified in the ordinance, policy, initiative, or charter amendment adopted by the county rather than the ordinance, policy, initiative, or charter amendment adopted by the city, town, or special purpose district that proposes the transition to elections in even-numbered years.

(5) Corrects an internal reference.

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