

CHAPTER 22

[House Bill No. 127]

WASHINGTON SUNSET ACT OF 1977

AN ACT Relating to the Washington Sunset Act of 1977; amending section 5, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.131.050; amending section 12, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.131.120; and amending section 16, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.131.900.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 5, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43-131.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative budget committee shall cause to be conducted a program and fiscal review of each state agency scheduled for termination by the processes provided in this chapter. Such program and fiscal review shall be completed and a report prepared on or before ~~((September 30th))~~ June 30th of the year prior to the date established for termination. Upon completion of its report, the legislative budget committee shall transmit copies of the report ~~((as well as working papers, related studies, and documents))~~ to the office of financial management. The office of financial management may then conduct its own program and fiscal review of the agency scheduled for termination and shall prepare a report on or before ~~((December 31st))~~ September 30th of the year prior to the date established for termination. Upon completion of its report the office of financial management shall transmit copies of its report ~~((as well as related studies and documents))~~ to the legislative budget committee. The legislative budget committee shall prepare a final report that includes the reports of both the office of financial management and the legislative budget committee ~~((as well as related studies and documents))~~. The legislative budget committee and the office of financial management shall, upon request, make available to each other all working papers, studies, and other documents which relate to reports required under this section. The legislative budget committee shall transmit the final report to all members of the legislature, to the state agency concerned, to the governor, and to the state library.

Sec. 2. Section 12, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43-131.120 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall appoint a select joint committee consisting of ten members of the legislature within thirty days of June 17, 1977. The speaker shall appoint three members of the majority party and two members of the minority party. The president shall appoint three members of the majority party and two members of the minority party. The committee shall be responsible for the development of legislation which provides a schedule for the termination of state agencies in a manner consistent with the terms of this chapter and

of RCW 43.06.010 as now or hereafter amended. The termination of such state agencies shall occur over a period of ~~((six))~~ four years, beginning on June 30, ~~((1979))~~ 1981. In the development of such legislation, the select joint committee shall:

(a) Identify state agencies which might appropriately be scheduled for termination and arrange for automatic termination of state agencies, with ~~((a reasonable number of state agencies to be terminated on June 30, 1979;))~~ a reasonable number of state agencies to be terminated on June 30, 1981, and a reasonable number of state agencies to be terminated on June 30, 1983; no more than one state agency shall be so identified or scheduled for automatic termination in any one section of such legislation;

(b) Seek to schedule state agencies with like goals, objectives, or functions for termination on the same date so as to better assure identification of duplicative activities and provide for appropriate modification or consolidation of state agencies to avoid future duplication; and

(c) Seek to schedule state agencies for termination in a manner which assures that as many committees of reference as possible have sufficient opportunity to develop experience in conducting reviews as provided pursuant to the terms of this chapter, and which assures that no such committee is given responsibility for review of an unreasonable number of state agencies during any legislative session.

(2) In identifying those state agencies to be scheduled for termination, the select joint committee shall consider, but not be limited to, the following factors where applicable:

(a) The extent to which the burden of compliance on the executive and legislative branches with the terms of this chapter is reasonable;

(b) The extent to which a state agency may serve the interests of a particular profession, occupation, or industry as opposed to the interests of the public;

(c) The extent to which a state agency may have outlived its original statutory purpose; and

(d) The potential for fiscal savings.

(3) The select joint committee shall also be responsible for assisting in the implementation of the terms and provisions of this chapter and shall establish proposed procedures which facilitate legislative review as required by this chapter for presentation to the legislature. Such committee shall recommend legislative rules which assure effective and appropriate consideration of all bills and reports regarding termination, modification, consolidation, or reauthorization of state agencies scheduled for termination.

(4) Proposed legislation, recommendations, and findings shall be submitted to the legislature as soon as is practicable, but no later than the first day the legislature is in session after January 1, 1978.

Sec. 3. Section 16, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43-131.900 are each amended to read as follows:

Except for sections 14, 15, and 17 of this 1977 amendatory act, this 1977 amendatory act shall expire on June 30, (~~1983~~) 1984, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

Passed the House January 31, 1979.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1979.

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CHAPTER 23

[Substitute House Bill No. 139]

SEWER DISTRICTS, WATER DISTRICTS—GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

AN ACT Relating to special purpose districts; amending section 11, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 300, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 56.08.020; and amending section 6, chapter 18, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 3, chapter 299, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 57.16.010.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 11, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 300, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 56.08.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The sewer commissioners before ordering any improvements hereunder or submitting to vote any proposition for incurring indebtedness shall adopt a general comprehensive plan for a system of sewers for the district. They shall investigate all portions and sections of the district and select a general comprehensive plan for a system of sewers for the district suitable and adequate for present and reasonably foreseeable future needs thereof. The general comprehensive plan shall provide for treatment plants and other methods for the disposal of sewage and industrial and other liquid wastes now produced or which may reasonably be expected to be produced within the district and shall, for such portions of the district as may then reasonably be served, provide for the acquisition or construction and installation of laterals, trunk sewers, intercepting sewers, syphons, pumping stations, or other sewage collection facilities. The general comprehensive plan shall provide the method of distributing the cost and expense of the sewer system provided therein against the district and against utility local improvement districts within the district, including any utility local improvement district lying wholly or partially within any other political subdivision included in the district; and provide whether the whole or some part of the cost and expenses shall be paid from sewer revenue bonds. The commissioners may employ such engineering and legal services as they deem necessary in carrying out the purposes hereof. The general comprehensive plan shall be adopted by resolution and submitted to an engineer designated by the legislative authority of the county in which fifty-one percent or more of the area