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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5052**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators A. Smith, Haugen and Quigley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to cities and towns; and amending RCW 35.27.270,  
2 35.24.180, and 35A.12.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.27.270 and 1965 c 7 s 35.27.270 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The town council shall meet on the second Tuesday in January  
7 succeeding the date of the general municipal election, shall take the  
8 oath of office, and shall hold regular meetings at least once each  
9 month at such times as may be fixed by ordinance. Special meetings may  
10 be called at any time by the mayor or by three councilmen, by written  
11 notice delivered to each member at least three hours before the time  
12 specified for the proposed meeting. No resolution or order for the  
13 payment of money shall be passed at any other than a regular meeting.  
14 No such resolution or order shall be valid unless passed by the votes  
15 of at least three councilmen.

16 All meetings of the council shall be held (~~within the corporate~~  
17 ~~limits of the town,~~) at such places as may be designated by ordinance  
18 and shall be public.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.24.180 and 1965 c 7 s 35.24.180 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The city council and mayor shall meet on the first Tuesday in  
4 January next succeeding the date of each general municipal election,  
5 and shall take the oath of office, and shall hold regular meetings at  
6 least once during each month but not to exceed one regular meeting in  
7 each week, at such times as may be fixed by ordinance.

8       Special meetings may be called by the mayor by written notice  
9 delivered to each member of the council at least three hours before the  
10 time specified for the proposed meeting. No ordinances shall be passed  
11 or contract let or entered into, or bill for the payment of money  
12 allowed at any special meeting.

13       All meetings of the city council shall be held (~~within the~~  
14 ~~corporate limits of the city~~) at such place as may be designated by  
15 ordinance. All meetings of the city council must be public.

16       **Sec. 3.** RCW 35A.12.110 and 1979 ex.s. c 18 s 23 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18       The city council and mayor shall meet regularly, at least once a  
19 month, (~~at a place within the corporate limits of the city~~) at such  
20 times as may be fixed by ordinance or resolution. Special meetings may  
21 be called by the mayor or any three members of the council by written  
22 notice delivered to each member of the council at least twenty-four  
23 hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting. All actions  
24 that have heretofore been taken at special council meetings held  
25 pursuant to this section, but for which the number of hours of notice  
26 given has been at variance with requirements of RCW 42.30.080, are  
27 hereby validated. All council meetings shall be open to the public  
28 except as permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW. No ordinance or resolution  
29 shall be passed, or contract let or entered into, or bill for the  
30 payment of money allowed at any meeting not open to the public, nor at  
31 any public meeting the date of which is not fixed by ordinance,  
32 resolution, or rule, unless public notice of such meeting has been  
33 given by such notice to each local newspaper of general circulation and  
34 to each local radio or television station, as provided in RCW 42.30.080  
35 as now or hereafter amended. Meetings of the council shall be presided  
36 over by the mayor, if present, or otherwise by the mayor pro tempore,  
37 or deputy mayor if one has been appointed, or by a member of the  
38 council selected by a majority of the council members at such meeting.

1 Appointment of a council member to preside over the meeting shall not  
2 in any way abridge his right to vote on matters coming before the  
3 council at such meeting. In the absence of the clerk, a deputy clerk  
4 or other qualified person appointed by the clerk, the mayor, or the  
5 council, may perform the duties of clerk at such meeting. A journal of  
6 all proceedings shall be kept, which shall be a public record.

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