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Third Reader

Senate Bill 590

(Washington County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environment and Transportation

Washington County - Code of Public Local Laws - Legalization

This bill legalizes and authorizes the publication of the 2019 edition of the Washington County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to it. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County advises that publication costs are absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Washington County is one of six counties that operate under the commission form of government. Commission counties have limited powers and only those powers that are expressly delegated by the General Assembly. Legalizing changes to the code of public local laws prior to publication of a new compilation must receive approval of the General Assembly.

Background: If a county makes nonsubstantive revisions to its code of public local laws, the revised code must be “legalized” by the General Assembly to the extent that local laws enacted by the General Assembly and contained in the county’s code are affected by the nonsubstantive revisions.

Chapter 253 of 2007 legalized and authorized the publication of the current edition of the Washington County Code of Public Local Laws.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 700 (Washington County Delegation) - Environment and Transportation.

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