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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5957** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Senator Kohl-Welles; by request of Joint Legislative Systems Committee

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1   AN ACT Relating to administrative practices concerning the
2   information processing and communications systems of the legislature
3   overseen by the joint legislative systems committee; amending RCW
4   44.68.010, 44.68.030, 44.68.040, 44.68.050, and 44.68.060; adding new
5   sections to chapter 44.68 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW
6   44.68.070; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

8   **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.68.010 and 1986 c 61 s 1 are each amended to read
9   as follows:
10   Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
11   this section apply throughout this chapter.
12   (1) "Administrative committee" means the joint legislative systems
13   administrative committee created under RCW 44.68.030.
14   (2) "Center" means the ((joint)) legislative service center
15   established under RCW 44.68.060.
16   (3) "Coordinator" means the legislative systems coordinator
17   employed under RCW 44.68.040.
18   (4) "Systems committee" means the joint legislative systems
19   committee created under RCW 44.68.020.

1   **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.68.030 and 1986 c 61 s 3 are each amended to read
 2   as follows:
 3   (1) The _joint_ legislative systems administrative committee is
 4   created to manage the information processing and communications systems
 5   of the legislature. The administrative committee consists of five
 6   members appointed as follows:
 7   (a) The secretary of the senate, and another senate staff person
 8   appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the secretary;
 9   (b) The chief clerk of the house of representatives, and another
10   house of representatives staff person appointed by and serving at the
11   pleasure of the chief clerk; and
12   (c) The code reviser, or the code reviser's designee, serving in a
13   nonvoting capacity.
14   (2) The coordinator shall serve as the secretary of the
15   administrative committee.

16   **Sec. 3.** RCW 44.68.040 and 2001 c 259 s 17 are each amended to read
17   as follows:
18   Subject to RCW 44.04.260:
19   (1) The systems committee, after consultation with the
20   administrative committee, shall employ a legislative systems
21   coordinator. The coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the
22   systems committee, which shall fix the coordinator's salary.
23   (2)_(a)_ The coordinator shall serve as the executive and
24   administrative head of the center, and shall assist the administrative
25   committee in managing the information processing and communications
26   systems of the legislature as directed by the administrative committee_;_
27   _(b) In accordance with an adopted personnel plan, the coordinator_
28   _shall employ or engage and fix the compensation for personnel required_
29   _to carry out the purposes of this chapter;_
30   _(c) The coordinator shall enter into contracts for: (i) The sale,_
31   _exchange, or acquisition of equipment, supplies, services, and_
32   _facilities required to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and (ii)_
33   _the distribution of legislative information_.

34   **Sec. 4.** RCW 44.68.050 and 2001 c 259 s 18 are each amended to read
35   as follows:

1   The administrative committee shall, subject to the approval of the
2   systems committee and subject to RCW 44.04.260:

3   (1) Adopt policies, procedures, and standards regarding the
4   information processing and communications systems of the legislature;

5   (2) Establish appropriate charges for services, equipment, and
6   publications provided by the legislative information processing and
7   communications systems, applicable to legislative and nonlegislative
8   users as determined by the administrative committee;

9   (3) ((Employ or engage and fix the)) Adopt a compensation plan for
10   personnel required to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

11   (4) ((Enter into contracts for (a) the sale, exchange, or
12   acquisition of equipment, supplies, services, and facilities)) Approve
13   strategic and tactical information technology plans and provide
14   guidance in operational matters required to carry out (a) the purposes
15   of this chapter; and (b) the distribution of legislative information;

16   (5) Generally assist the systems committee in carrying out its
17   responsibilities under this chapter, as directed by the systems
18   committee.

19   **Sec. 5.** RCW 44.68.060 and 1986 c 61 s 6 are each amended to read
20   as follows:

21   (1) The administrative committee, subject to the approval of the
22   systems committee, shall establish a ((joint)) legislative service
23   center. The center shall provide automatic data processing services,
24   equipment, training, and support to the legislature and legislative
25   agencies. The center may also, by agreement, provide services to
26   agencies of the judicial and executive branches of state government and
27   other governmental entities, and provide public access to legislative
28   information. All operations of the center shall be subject to the
29   general supervision of the administrative committee in accordance with
30   the policies, procedures, and standards established under RCW
31   44.68.050.

32   (2) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (3) of this section,
33   determinations regarding the security, disclosure, and disposition of
34   information placed or maintained in the center shall rest solely with
35   the originator and shall be made in accordance with any law regulating
36   the disclosure of such information. The originator is the person who
37   directly places information in the center.

1   (3) When utilizing the center to carry out the bill drafting
 2 functions required under RCW 1.08.027, the code reviser shall be
 3 considered the originator as defined in RCW 44.68.060. However,
 4 determinations regarding the security, disclosure, and disposition of
 5 drafts placed or maintained in the center shall be made by the person
 6 requesting the code reviser's services and the code reviser, acting as
 7 the originator, shall comply with and carry out such determinations as
 8 directed by that person. A measure once introduced shall not be
 9 considered a draft under this subsection.

10   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW
11 to read as follows:
12   Subject to RCW 44.04.260, all expenses incurred, including salaries
13 and expenses of employees, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided
14 and signed by the coordinator. Vouchers may be drawn on funds
15 appropriated by law for the systems committee, administrative
16 committee, and center: PROVIDED, That the senate, house of
17 representatives, and code reviser may authorize the systems committee,
18 administrative committee, and center to draw on funds appropriated by
19 the legislature for related information technology expenses. The
20 senate and house of representatives may transfer moneys appropriated
21 for legislative expenses to the systems committee, administrative
22 committee, and center, in addition to charges made under RCW
23 44.68.050(2).

24   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW
25 to read as follows:
26   The systems committee, administrative committee, and center are
27 hereby expressly exempted from the provisions of chapter 43.105 RCW.

28   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The legislative systems revolving fund is
29 abolished as of July 1, 2007. All moneys remaining in the legislative
30 systems revolving fund on July 1, 2007, shall be transferred to the
31 state general fund.

32   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RCW 44.68.070 (Legislative systems revolving
33 fund) and 1986 c 61 s 7 are each repealed.

1   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 10.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3   state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4   July 1, 2007.

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