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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7A-7-4a, relating to authorizing counties with a population exceeding 150,000 and a Class I municipality to approve metro government by a majority vote.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §7A-7-4a, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE 7. ELECTIONS ON METRO GOVERNMENT.

- §7A-7-4a. Modifying the percentage vote required to approve metro government in municipal and countywide elections from fifty-five percent to a majority in counties with populations in excess of 150,000.
 - 1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter
 - 2 to the contrary, where the election is on the question of
 - 3 consolidation of a county with a population exceeding
 - 4 150,000, based on the 2000 or 2010 census of population
 - 5 taken under the authority of the United States govern-
 - 6 ment, and a single Class I city that is the principal munici-
 - 7 pality of the county, then metro government becomes
 - 8 effective pursuant to the charter if a majority of the legal
 - 9 votes cast by the qualified voters of the principal city and
 - o votes cast by the qualified voters of the principal city and
 - 10 a majority of the legal votes cast by the qualified voters of
 - 11 all incorporated and unincorporated areas of the affected
 - 12 county, excluding the principal city, approves the consoli-
 - 13 dation.
 - 14 (b) As used in this section, a Class I city is a municipal-
 - 15 ity so classified under section three, article one, chapter
 - 16 eight of this code.

3 [Enr. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. No. 239 The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originated in the Senate. In effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates

The within 15 affroyed this the 5th Day of 1,2009.

Speaker House of Delegates

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