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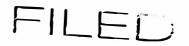
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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7A-7-4a, relating to authorizing counties with a population exceeding 150,000 and a Class I municipality to approve metro government by a majority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

ARTICLE 7. ELECTIONS ON METRO GOVERNMENT.

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§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
- 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 eight, article one, chapter
- 16 eight of this code.

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