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Senate Bill No. 239
(SENATORS McCabe, Foster, Palumbo, Wells and Kessler, original sponsors)

[Passed April 10, 2009; in effect ninety days from passage.]
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.
§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.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, where the election is on the question of consolidation of a county with a population exceeding 150,000, based on the 2000 or 2010 census of population taken under the authority of the United States government, and a single Class I city that is the principal municipality of the county, then metro government becomes effective pursuant to the charter if a majority of the legal votes cast by the qualified voters of the principal city and a majority of the legal votes cast by the qualified voters of all incorporated and unincorporated areas of the affected county, excluding the principal city, approves the consolidation.

(b) As used in this section, a Class I city is a municipality so classified under section eight, article one, chapter eight of this code.
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

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the Day of 2009.

Governor