

1 AN ACT Relating to the creation and organization of the county of S -0
2 Evergreen, subject to the requirements of the state 4565;
3 Constitution and the statutes in respect to the establishment 001
4 of new counties; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW. PARTA

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: ;001

6 NEW SECTION. Section 1. All that portion of King county 6
7 bounded and described as follows: 7

8 Beginning at the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 9
9 of Sec. 3, T 23N, R4E, W.M., in King Co., Wash.; thence south to the 9
10 southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Sec. 3; thence 10
11 east along the south line of said section 3 to the southeast corner 11
12 thereof; thence south along the east line of Sec. 10, T 23N, R4E, 12
13 W.M., to the Old Columbia and Puget Sound right-of-way; thence 12
14 southeast along the easterly margin of said right-of-way to an 13
15 intersection with the south line of Sec. 11, T 23N, R4E, W.M.; thence 14
16 west along said south line to an intersection with the westerly 15
17 margin of the N.P.R.R. right-of-way; thence southeasterly along said 15
18 westerly margin to an intersection with the southerly margin of the 16
19 second addition to East Riverton Garden Tracts, according to plat 17
20 recorded in Vol. 12 of Plats, PG. 79, records of said county; thence 17
21 westerly along said southerly line and its extension thereof to the 18
22 center of the Duwamish River; thence southerly along the center of 19
23 said river and the center of the Green River thru sections 14, 23 and 20
24 24, T 23N, R4E, W.M. to an intersection with the easterly production 21
25 of the center line of S. 164th St.; thence west along said center 21
26 line to an intersection with the north-south center line of Sec. 26, 22
27 T 23N, R4E, W.M.; thence south along said center line to the south 23

1 1/4 corner of said Sec. 26; thence west along the south line of said 24
 2 Sec. 26 to an intersection with Interstate Highway No. 5; thence 24
 3 southwesterly along said highway to its intersection with the 25
 4 North-South center line of Sec. 3, T 22N, R4E, W.M.; thence south 26
 5 along said North-South center line to the south 1/4 corner of said 26
 6 Sec. 3; thence west along said south line to the northeast corner of 27
 7 the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 10, T 22N, R4E, W.M.; thence south 28
 8 to the southeast corner of SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Sec. 10; 29
 9 thence west to the northeast corner of Sec. 16, T 22N, R4E; thence 30
 10 south to the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of said Sec. 16; thence 30
 11 east to the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 15, 31
 12 T 22N, R4E, W.M.; thence south to the southeast corner of the SW 1/4 32
 13 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 22N, R4E, W.M.; thence east to the NE 32
 14 corner of Sec. 27, Twp. 22N, R4E; thence south to the SW corner of 33
 15 the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 26. Twp. 22N, R4E; 34
 16 thence east along the north line of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 35
 17 1/4 of said Sec. 26 to the east line of the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the 35
 18 W 1/2 of said Sec. 26; thence southerly along said east line to the 36
 19 south line of said Sec. 26; thence continuing southerly along the 37
 20 east line of the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of Sec. 35, Twp. 38
 21 22N, R4E to the east-west centerline thereof; thence easterly along 38
 22 said E-W centerline to the west line of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of 39
 23 said Sec.; thence southerly along said west line to the north line of 40
 24 the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Sec. 35; thence 40
 25 easterly along said north line to the east line thereof; thence 41
 26 southerly along said east line to the SE corner thereof; which point 42
 27 is on the south line of said Sec. 35; thence easterly along said 43
 28 south line of Sec. 35 which is also the north line OF Sec. 2, Twp. 43
 29 21N, R4E, to the N-S centerline of said Sec. 2; thence southerly 44
 30 along said N-S centerline to the north line of the S 1/2 of Govt. Lot 45
 31 2, Sec. 2; thence easterly along said north line to the east line of 45
 32 Govt. Lot 2; thence southerly along said east line to the SE corner 46
 33 of said Govt. Lot 2 which is also the NW corner of the SE 1/4 of the 47

1 NE 1/4 of said Sec. 2; thence easterly along the north line of said 48
2 subdivision to the east line of said Sec. 2; thence southerly along 48
3 said east line of Sec. 2 to the intersection with the centerline of 49
4 the Bonneville Power Administration easement right-of-way; thence 50
5 southwesterly along the centerline of the Bonneville Power 50
6 Administration easement right-of-way to its intersection with the 51
7 southern boundary of Sec. 2; thence westerly along the south line of 52
8 said Sec. 2 to the SW corner thereof; thence south to the SE corner 53
9 of Sec. 10 (S. 320th St.), Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west along the 53
10 centerline of S. 320th St. (section line between Sections 10 & 15) to 54
11 its intersection with the centerline of the Peasley Canyon Road S.; 55
12 thence south-easterly along the centerline of the Peasley Canyon Road 55
13 S. to its intersection with Prim. State Highway No. 2; thence 56
14 easterly along said highway to the north-south centerline of Sec. 14, 57
15 Twp. 21N, R4E; thence south to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 58
16 1/4 of Sec. 26, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west to the NE corner of the NE 58
17 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 26, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence 59
18 south to the King-Pierce County line; thence west to the SW corner of 60
19 Sec. 35, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 34, 61
20 Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west to the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 34, 61
21 Twp. 21N, R4E; thence south to the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 62
22 1/4 of Sec. 34, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west to SW corner of the NW 1/4 63
23 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 34, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence south to the SE 64
24 corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 33, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west to the SW 64
25 corner of the NE 1/4 of said Sec. 33; thence south to the SE corner 65
26 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 33, Twp. 21N, R4E; thence west to 66
27 the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Sec. 33; thence 67
28 south to the King-Pierce County line, is hereby detached from King 68
29 county and created into a new county, to be known and designated 69
30 Evergreen county, by which name it shall have corporate succession 70
31 and possess corporate powers, and be subject to the corporate 71
32 liabilities conferred by law upon counties of the state of 71
33 Washington. 71

1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Evergreen county shall be liable for 72
2 and shall pay to King county its proportion of the indebtedness of 73
3 King county, existing at the time of the adoption of this act, and be 74
4 entitled to its proportion of or allowance for its proportion of the 75
5 value of the property owned by King county at that time. Upon the 76
6 organization of Evergreen county and the appointment and induction 76
7 into office of its auditor, such auditor shall give notice to the 77
8 auditor of King county that at some certain date not less than ten 78
9 days after the giving of such notice, he will meet with the auditor 79
10 of King county at the county seat of King county, to settle the 79
11 accounts between the two counties. In the accounting between the 80
12 auditors, Evergreen county shall be held liable for a proportion of 81
13 the indebtedness of King county, based upon the proportion which the 82
14 assessed valuation of the property lying within Evergreen county 82
15 bears to the assessed valuation of the property lying within the 83
16 whole of King county prior to the creation of Evergreen county, as 84
17 determined by the assessment rolls for the year 1972: PROVIDED, 85
18 HOWEVER, That neither county shall be charged with any part of any 85
19 debt or liability incurred in the purchase of any county property or 86
20 in the purchase or construction of any county buildings or in the 87
21 construction of roads or bridges which shall be and remain after the 88
22 division is made, within the limits of the other county. 88

23 In the event of disagreement between the auditors of the two 89
24 counties, or in the event of the failure or refusal of either of the 90
25 auditors to act, an action may be brought by either county in the 91
26 superior court of the state of Washington for Pierce county to 92
27 determine the account; such action to be governed by the rules of law 92
28 affecting other civil actions. 93

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The taxes levied before the creation of 94
30 Evergreen county shall be collected by the officers of King county, 95
31 but Evergreen county shall be entitled to receive and King county 96
32 will pay to Evergreen county, the amount of real property taxes 97
33 theretofore imposed and not collected upon the real property falling 98

1 within the boundaries of Evergreen county. King county shall have 98
2 and retain all the personal property taxes on the tax rolls, without 99
3 regard to which county such property may be in after division, as 100
4 compensation for the cost of collection of all the taxes. 100

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The location of the county seat of 101
6 Evergreen county shall be determined by the electors of such county 102
7 at the general election of 1974. Any city or town within Evergreen 103
8 county may become a contestant for the county seat of such county, 103
9 that shall have filed or caused to be filed with the county auditor 104
10 of such county, not less than thirty days prior to the time when he 105
11 is required by law to have prepared the ballots for the general 106
12 election, a petition, signed by not less than one hundred electors of 106
13 said county, praying that the name of such town or city be placed 107
14 upon the ballot and voted for as the location for the county seat, at 108
15 such election. The county auditor, in preparing the ballots, shall 109
16 place thereon, under some appropriate head, in alphabetical order, 110
17 the names of the cities or towns that shall have filed such 110
18 petitions, with a square opposite each name, in which the electors 111
19 shall indicate by a cross made therein, their choice for the county 112
20 seat, and the city or town receiving a majority of the votes cast at 113
21 such election, shall be and remain the county seat of Evergreen 113
22 county, until removed, as provided by law. Until the location of the 114
23 county seat is determined, as herein provided, the seat of county 115
24 government shall be at Des Moines, from which place the business of 116
25 the county shall be carried on until the location of the county seat. 116

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Until otherwise classified said county 117
27 of Evergreen is hereby designated as belonging to class A. 118

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The governor shall immediately upon the 119
29 taking effect of this chapter, appoint three residents of the 120
30 proposed county of Evergreen, who shall be and constitute the first 121
31 board of county commissioners of the said county of Evergreen and 122
32 they shall hold office until the second Monday in January, 1975, and 122
33 until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall meet at 123

1 the county seat of said Evergreen county within ten days after this 124
2 act shall take effect, and shall qualify as such county commissioners 125
3 by filing their oath of office with the judge of the superior court, 126
4 who shall approve their bonds in the manner provided by law. 126

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Such commissioners shall divide their 127
6 county into precincts, townships, and districts, as provided by the 128
7 laws then existing, making only such changes as are rendered 129
8 necessary by the altered condition of the boundaries occasioned by 130
9 the segregation from the original county. 130

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. In all townships, precincts, school and 131
11 road districts which retain their own boundaries the present officers 132
12 thereof shall retain their respective offices in and for such new 133
13 county until their respective term of office shall expire, or until 134
14 their successors are elected and qualified, and shall give bonds to 135
15 Evergreen county in the same amount and in the same manner as had 135
16 previously been given to the original county. 136

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Except as provided in the preceding 137
18 section such commissioners shall be authorized and required to 138
19 appoint all of the county officers of the county organized under the 139
20 provisions of this chapter and of which they are commissioners, and 140
21 the officers so appointed shall commence to hold their office 141
22 immediately upon their appointment and qualification according to 141
23 law, and shall hold their offices until the second Monday in January, 142
24 1975, or until their successors are elected and qualified. 143

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Until otherwise provided by law, said 144
26 county shall be and is hereby attached to the district composed of 145
27 King county for judicial purposes. 145

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The board of county commissioners at a 146
29 regular meeting held within one year from the time they shall qualify 147
30 as commissioners of the county of Evergreen, by an order duly entered 148
31 in the minutes of their proceedings, shall divide Evergreen county 149
32 into three commissioners districts in the manner provided by law, and 149
33 shall designate the boundaries thereof, and at the next general 150

1 election in said county there shall be elected three commissioners, 151
2 one for each of said districts; the commissioner from district number 152
3 one to be elected for four years, and the commissioners for districts 152
4 number two and three for two years. 153

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. For the purpose of representation in 154
6 the legislature until otherwise provided by law, the county of 155
7 Evergreen shall be included in the eleventh, thirtieth, thirty-first 156
8 and thirty-third legislative districts. 156

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Until the county of Evergreen is 157
10 organized by the appointment and qualification of its officers, the 158
11 jurisdiction of the present officers of King county shall remain in 159
12 full force and effect in those portions of the territory constituting 159
13 the said county of Evergreen. 160

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Within such time as they shall be 161
15 transcribed after this chapter shall have become effective, the 162
16 county auditor of King county shall certify from the records of said 163
17 county all records and all papers and documents on file in anywise 164
18 affecting the title of any estate or property, real or personal, 165
19 situated within the county of Evergreen, and the county commissioners 165
20 of Evergreen county, shall provide at the expense of the county, 166
21 proper and suitable record books, to which the said records shall be 167
22 transcribed, and shall transcribe said records as provided in this 168
23 chapter, in legible writing, and said record books and papers shall 169
24 be delivered to the auditor of Evergreen county, and said records and 169
25 documents so transcribed shall be accepted and received as evidence 170
26 in all courts and places as if the same had originally been recorded 171
27 or filed in the office of the auditor of Evergreen county. 171

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. All actions and proceedings which 172
29 shall be pending in the superior court of King county at the time of 173
30 taking effect of this chapter, affecting the title or possession of 174
31 real estate in Evergreen county, or in which all the parties are 175
32 residents of Evergreen county, shall be transferred to the superior 175
33 court of Evergreen county, and all further proceedings had therein 176

1 shall be in Evergreen county, the same as if originally commenced in 177
2 that county. All other proceedings civil or criminal now pending in 178
3 the superior court of King county shall be prosecuted to the 179
4 termination thereof in said county and court. 179

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. All pleadings, process, documents and 180
6 files in the office of the county clerk of King county affecting 181
7 pending suits and proceedings shall be transferred as provided in the 182
8 preceding section, and all records therein transcribed as provided in 183
9 this chapter, and certified by the county clerk of King county, and 183
10 transmitted to the county clerk of Evergreen county after said clerk 184
11 shall have entered upon the duties of said office. 185

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. All records, documents, and papers of 186
13 record, on file in the office of the county clerk, county auditor and 187
14 all other officers of King county, in anywise affecting the title or 188
15 possession of real estate or other property in Evergreen county and 189
16 required to be transcribed shall be transcribed and transmitted to 189
17 the county clerk, county auditor, or other officer of Evergreen 190
18 county by such person or persons as may be employed by the county of 191
19 Evergreen for such purpose under the certificate of the county clerk, 192
20 county auditor, and other officers of King county, and the said 192
21 record and documents when so transcribed and transferred shall be 193
22 received as evidence in all courts and places as originally recorded 194
23 and filed in the county of Evergreen. 194

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. All records of King county required by 195
25 this chapter to be transcribed shall be transcribed by a person to be 196
26 employed by the county commissioners of Evergreen county, as follows: 197
27 Said transcribing shall be done by a person or persons under 198
28 contract, who shall receive said contract after bids for said work 198
29 shall have been advertised and the contract given to the best bidder, 199
30 all records so transcribed shall be certified by the officer of the 200
31 respective offices from which said records shall be transcribed, 201
32 under the seal of his office, in the manner following, to wit: Each 202
33 book of transcribed records shall be certified to be a correct 202

1 transcript of the records of King county, contained therein, and each 203
2 officer so certifying shall finally certify to the completeness of 204
3 all records as transcribed from his office. All expense incurred by 205
4 the county of King in comparing and certifying the records required 206
5 to be transcribed under the provisions of this chapter shall be borne 207
6 by the county of Evergreen. All original volumes of all records of 207
7 the assessment rolls of King county which include any property in the 208
8 territory comprising the new county of Evergreen shall be transmitted 209
9 to the county of Evergreen. 209

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. Sections 1 through 18 of this act 210
11 shall constitute a new chapter in Title 36 RCW. 211