



committee to which the council appoints the initial four persons to the committee, two from each of the two major political parties, and those four appoint a fifth person who shall serve as the chairman of the districting committee, and

WHEREAS, Section 650.30.20 of the King County Charter provides that the districting committee shall meet and appoint a districting master who shall be qualified by education, training and experience to draw a districting plan to assist the districting committee in its work, and

WHEREAS, King County Charter Amendment 1A as approved by the voters calls for the districting process of new council district boundaries to be completed by January 15, 2005, and

WHEREAS, a contract for the professional consultant services of the districting master must be executed by the council chair, and is subject to council approval by motion if it is in excess of twenty five thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the deadline for completing the districting process required by King County Charter Amendment 1A as approved by the voters, the council recognizes the need to expedite the process for executing a contract for the services of the districting master, and

WHEREAS, meeting the deadline constitutes an emergency under RCW 39.04.280 that requires waiver of the lengthy formal competitive selection process generally utilized for professional consultant services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The chair of the council is authorized to execute a contract for districting master services to the 2004-2005 districting committee with the person or professional services firm who is appointed by the districting committee and in an amount not to exceed thirty five thousand dollars.