

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5913

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Modifying annexation procedures for public hospital districts.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Sellar)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND:

The process for annexing territory to a public hospital district includes the requirement that the annexation question be submitted to the voters in the area proposed for annexation unless there are no qualified electors residing in the area.

Requiring an election is a costly and redundant exercise when over a majority of the qualified electors in an area proposed for annexation have already signed a petition calling for the annexation.

SUMMARY:

A hospital district may annex territory when all of the qualified electors and the owners of not less than 60 percent of the area of land in the territory proposed for annexation sign a petition calling for annexation and describing the boundaries. The hospital district commission may agree to entertain the petition, conduct public hearings and approve, by resolution, the annexation of all or less than all of the territory proposed for annexation in the petition.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	47	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	44	0	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 1993