

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5913**

**AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,  
MARCH 3, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Modifying annexation procedures for public hospital districts.

**SPONSORS:** Senator Sellar

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5913 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, Oke, Owen, von Reichbauer, and Winsley.

**Staff:** Rod McAulay (786-7754)

**Hearing Dates:** March 2, 1993; March 3, 1993

**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 a majority 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.

**EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:**

All of the qualified electors residing in an area proposed for annexation to a public hospital district must sign the petition for annexation to occur without an election.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Avoids the cost and delay of an election when everybody who could vote on the issue has already signed a petition calling for annexation.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Senator Sellar, prime sponsor