
SENATE BILL 5913

State of Washington

53rd Legislature

1993 Regular Session

By Senator Sellar

Read first time 02/24/93. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to annexation procedures for public hospital
2 districts; and amending RCW 70.44.200.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.200 and 1979 ex.s. c 143 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A public hospital district may annex territory outside the
7 existing boundaries of such district and contiguous thereto, whether
8 the territory lies in one or more counties, in accordance with this
9 section.

10 (2) A petition for annexation of territory contiguous to a public
11 hospital district may be filed with the commission of the district to
12 which annexation is proposed. The petition must be signed by the
13 owners, as prescribed by RCW 35A.01.040(9) (a) through (e), of not less
14 than sixty percent of the area of land within the territory proposed to
15 be annexed. Such petition shall describe the boundaries of the
16 territory proposed to be annexed and shall be accompanied by a map
17 which outlines the boundaries of such territory.

18 (3) Whenever such a petition for annexation is filed with the
19 commission of a public hospital district, the commission may entertain

1 the same, fix a date for public hearing thereon, and cause notice of
2 the hearing to be published once a week for at least two consecutive
3 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory
4 proposed to be annexed. The notice shall also be posted in three
5 public places within the territory proposed to be annexed, shall
6 contain a description of the boundaries of such territory, and shall
7 specify the time and place of hearing and invite interested persons to
8 appear and voice approval or disapproval of the annexation.

9 (4) Following the hearing, if the commission of the district
10 determines to accomplish the annexation, it shall do so by resolution.
11 The resolution may annex all or any portion of the proposed territory
12 but may not include in the annexation any property not described in the
13 petition. Upon passage of the annexation resolution, the territory
14 annexed shall become part of the district and a certified copy of such
15 resolution shall be filed with the legislative authority of the county
16 or counties in which the annexed property is located.

17 (5) If the petition for annexation and the annexation resolution so
18 provide, as the commission may require, and such petition has been
19 signed by the owners of all the land within the boundaries of the
20 territory being annexed, the annexed property shall assume and be
21 assessed and taxed to pay for all or any portion of the outstanding
22 indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed at the same rates
23 as other property within such district. Unless so provided in the
24 petition and resolution, property within the boundaries of the
25 territory annexed shall not be assessed or taxed to pay for all or any
26 portion of the indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed that
27 was contracted prior to or which existed at the date of annexation. In
28 no event shall any such annexed property be released from any
29 assessments or taxes previously levied against it or from its existing
30 liability for the payment of outstanding bonds or warrants issued prior
31 to such annexation.

32 (6) The annexation procedure provided for in RCW 70.44.200 shall be
33 an alternative method applicable only when ~~((at))~~ the ~~((time-a))~~
34 petition ~~((is))~~ filed pursuant to ~~((RCW 70.44.200 there are no))~~
35 subsection (2) of this section is signed by a majority of the qualified
36 electors residing in the territory to be annexed at the time the
37 petition is filed.

--- END ---