

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1948

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As of March 28, 1997

**Title:** An act relating to annexations by cities and towns.

**Brief Description:** Concerning annexations by cities and towns.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Thompson, Scott and Koster).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 4/1/97.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** A city or town may annex territory not located in the same county as the city or town.

Cities and towns may annex noncontiguous territory for municipal purposes under special annexation provisions.

A city or town may not annex territory in a county that plans under all Growth Management Act requirements if the territory is located outside of an urban growth boundary.

**Summary of Bill:** For a two-year period ending July 1, 1999, a city or town may not annex territory unless the territory is located in the same county as the city or town.

A city or town may annex territory for municipal purposes only if the city or town owns the property. A city or town may annex territory for municipal purposes outside of an urban growth boundary. It is clarified that first-class cities may annex territory for municipal purposes.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.