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HOUSE BILL 2562

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1 AN ACT Relating to specifying the number of signatures required on  
2 a petition to place on the ballot the question of changing the name of  
3 a port district; and amending RCW 53.04.110.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.04.110 and 1990 c 259 s 18 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Any port district now existing or which may hereafter be organized  
8 under the laws of the state of Washington is hereby authorized to  
9 change its corporate name under the following conditions and in the  
10 following manner:

11 (1) On presentation, at least forty-five days before any general  
12 port election to be held in the port district, of a petition to the  
13 commissioners of any port district now existing or which may hereafter  
14 be established under the laws of the state of Washington, signed by  
15 (~~not less than two hundred fifty registered voters residing within the~~  
16 ~~port district~~)) at least ten percent of the total number of voters of  
17 the port district who voted at the last general port election and  
18 asking that the corporate name of the port district be changed, it  
19 shall be the duty of the commissioners to submit to the voters of the

1 port district at the next general port election held in the port  
2 district in accordance with RCW 29.13.010 and 29.13.020 the proposition  
3 as to whether the corporate name of the port shall be changed.

4 (2) The petition shall contain the present corporate name of the  
5 port district and the corporate name which is proposed to be given to  
6 the port district.

7 (3) On submitting the proposition to the voters of the port  
8 district it shall be the duty of the port commissioners to cause to be  
9 printed on the official ballot used at the election the following  
10 proposition:

11 "Shall the corporate name, 'Port of . . . . . ' be changed to  
12 'Port of . . . . . ' . . . . . YES  
13 "Shall the corporate name, 'Port of . . . . . ' be changed to  
14 'Port of . . . . . ' . . . . . NO"

15 (4) At the time when the returns of the general election shall be  
16 canvassed by the commissioners of the port district, it shall be the  
17 duty of the commissioners to canvass the vote upon the proposition so  
18 submitted, recording in their record the result of the canvass.

19 (5) Should a majority of the registered voters of the port district  
20 voting at the general port election vote in favor of the proposition it  
21 shall be the duty of the port commissioners to certify the fact to the  
22 auditor of the county in which the port district shall be situated and  
23 to the secretary of state of the state of Washington, under the seal of  
24 the port district. On and after the filing of the certificate with the  
25 county auditor as aforesaid and with the secretary of state of the  
26 state of Washington, the corporate name of the port district shall be  
27 changed, and thenceforth the port district shall be known and  
28 designated in accordance therewith.

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