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## HOUSE BILL 2955

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to procedures for annexation of school district
- 2 property; and amending RCW 28A.315.250.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.315.250 and 1997 c 47 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) Each incorporated city or town in the state shall be comprised
- 7 in one school district: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall
- 8 be construed:  $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (a) To prevent the extension of the boundaries
- 9 of a school district beyond the limits of the city or town contained
- 10 therein, or  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (b) to prevent the inclusion of two or more
- 11 incorporated cities or towns in a single school district, or  $((\frac{3}{3}))$
- 12 (c) to change or disturb the boundaries of any school district
- 13 organized prior to the incorporation of any city or town, except as
- 14 hereafter in this section provided.
- 15 (2) In case all or any part of a school district that operates a
- 16 school or schools on one site only or operates elementary schools only
- 17 on two or more sites is included in ((an)) any incorporated city or
- 18 town through the extension of the limits of such city or town in the
- 19 manner provided by law, the regional committee may, in its discretion,

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prepare a proposal for transfer of any part or all of the territory so included to the school district containing the city or town and, whenever a part of a district so included contains a school building of the district, for the disposition of any part or all of the remaining territory of the district.

(3) In case of the extension of the limits of a city with a 6 7 population of less than three thousand persons or a town to include 8 territory lying in a school district that operates on more than one 9 site one or more elementary schools and one or more junior high schools 10 or high schools, the regional committee may, in its discretion, prepare a proposal or proposals for annexation to the school district in which 11 the <u>said city or</u> town is located any part or all of the territory 12 13 aforesaid which has been included in the said city or town and for 14 annexation to the school district in which the said city or town is 15 located or to some other school district or districts any part or all 16 of the remaining territory of the school district affected by extension 17 of the limits of the <u>said city or</u> town: PROVIDED, That where no school or school site is located within the territory annexed to the city with 18 19 a population of less than three thousand persons or the town and not 20 less than seventy-five percent of the registered voters residing within the annexed territory present a petition in writing for annexation and 21 transfer of said territory to the school district in which the said 22 23 <u>city or</u> town is located, the educational service 24 superintendent shall declare the territory so included to be a part of 25 the school district containing said city or town: PROVIDED FURTHER, 26 That territory approved for annexation to ((a)) any city or town by 27 vote of the ((electors)) voters residing therein prior to January 12, 1953, shall not be subject to the provisions herein respecting 28 29 annexation to a school district or school districts: AND PROVIDED 30 FURTHER, That the provisions and procedural requirements of this 31 chapter as now or hereafter amended not in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions hereinabove in this section stated 32 33 shall apply in the case of any proposal or proposals  $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (a) for 34 the alteration of the boundaries of school districts through and by 35 means of annexation of territory as aforesaid, and  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (b) for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the school districts 36 involved or affected thereby. 37

38 (4) In case of the incorporation of ((a)) any city or town 39 containing territory lying in two or more school districts or of the

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uniting of two or more cities or towns not located in the same school district, the educational service district superintendent, except where the incorporation or consolidation would affect a district or districts of the first class, shall: (((1))) (a) Order and declare to be established in each such case a single school district comprising all of the school districts involved, and (((2))) (b) designate each such district by name and by a number different from that of any other district in existence in the county.

9 (5) The educational service district superintendent shall fix as 10 the effective date of any declaration or order required under this 11 section a date no later than the first day of September next succeeding 12 the date of the issuance of such declaration or order.

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