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SENATE BILL 5071

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By Senators Stevens, Haugen and Hochstatter; by request of Board of Education

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district territory included in city and  
2 town boundary extensions; 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 1985 c 385 s 19 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Each incorporated city or town in the state shall be comprised in  
7 one school district: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be  
8 construed: (1) To prevent the extension of the boundaries of a school  
9 district beyond the limits of the city or town contained therein, or  
10 (2) to prevent the inclusion of two or more incorporated cities or  
11 towns in a single school district, or (3) to change or disturb the  
12 boundaries of any school district organized prior to the incorporation  
13 of any city or town, except as hereafter in this section provided.

14 In case all or any part of a school district that operates a school  
15 or schools on one site only or operates elementary schools only on two  
16 or more sites is included in an incorporated city or town through the  
17 extension of the limits of such city or town in the manner provided by  
18 law, the ~~((educational service district superintendent shall:—(1)~~  
19 ~~Declare))~~ regional committee may, in its discretion, prepare a proposal

1 for transfer of any part or all of the territory so included to (~~be a~~  
2 ~~part of~~) the school district containing the city or town and (~~(2)~~),  
3 whenever a part of a district so included contains a school building of  
4 the district, (~~present to the regional committee a proposal~~) for the  
5 disposition of any part or all of the remaining territory of the  
6 district.

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

36 In case of the incorporation of a city or town containing territory  
37 lying in two or more school districts or of the uniting of two or more  
38 cities or towns not located in the same school district, the  
39 educational service district superintendent, except where the

1 incorporation or consolidation would affect a district or districts of  
2 the first class, shall: (1) Order and declare to be established in  
3 each such case a single school district comprising all of the school  
4 districts involved, and (2) designate each such district by name and by  
5 a number different from that of any other district in existence in the  
6 county.

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

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