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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 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 the territory so included to be a part of the school district

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

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