

1231-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Schindler, Upthegrove, Jarrett, Clibborn, Armstrong, Hatfield, Clements, Moeller, Mielke, Morris, Ericksen, Berkey, Roach, Simpson, Linville, Fromhold, Dunshee, Kirby, Ruderman, Hunt, Nixon, McDermott, Holmquist, Anderson, Chase and Condotta)

Brief Description: Providing for direct petition annexations.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/03)

Recognizes that on March 14, 2002, the Washington state supreme court decided in *Grant County Fire Protection District No. 5 v. City of Moses Lake*, 145 Wn.2d 702 (2002), that the petition method of annexation authorized by RCW 35.13.125 through 35.13.160 and 35A.14.120 through 35A.14.150 is unconstitutional.

Recognizes that on October 11, 2002, the Washington state supreme court granted a motion for reconsideration of this decision.

Declares an intent to provide a new method of direct petition annexation that enables property owners and registered voters to participate in an annexation process without the constitutional defect identified by the court.