
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1622

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and Jarrett)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of boundary review boards; and
2 amending RCW 36.93.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.93.150 and 1994 c 216 s 15 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The board, upon review of any proposed action, shall take such of
7 the following actions as it deems necessary to best carry out the
8 intent of this chapter:

9 (1) Approve the proposal as submitted.

10 (2) Subject to RCW 35.02.170, modify the proposal by adjusting
11 boundaries to add or delete territory. (~~However, any proposal for~~
12 ~~annexation of territory to a town shall be subject to RCW 35.21.010 and~~
13 ~~the board shall not add additional territory, the amount of which is~~
14 ~~greater than that included in the original proposal.~~) Subject to the
15 requirements of this chapter, a board may modify a proposal by adding
16 territory that would increase the total area within the proposal before
17 the board. A board, however, may not modify a proposal for annexation
18 of territory to a city or town by adding an amount of territory that
19 constitutes more than one hundred percent of the total area within the

1 proposal before the board. Any modifications shall not interfere with
2 the authority of a city, town, or special purpose district to require
3 or not require preannexation agreements, covenants, or petitions. A
4 board shall not modify the proposed incorporation of a city with an
5 estimated population of seven thousand five hundred or more by removing
6 territory from the proposal, or adding territory to the proposal, that
7 constitutes ten percent or more of the total area included within the
8 proposal before the board. However, a board shall remove territory in
9 the proposed incorporation that is located outside of an urban growth
10 area or is annexed by a city or town, and may remove territory in the
11 proposed incorporation if a petition or resolution proposing the
12 annexation is filed or adopted that has priority over the proposed
13 incorporation, before the area is established that is subject to this
14 ten percent restriction on removing or adding territory. A board shall
15 not modify the proposed incorporation of a city with a population of
16 seven thousand five hundred or more to reduce the territory in such a
17 manner as to reduce the population below seven thousand five hundred.

18 (3) Determine a division of assets and liabilities between two or
19 more governmental units where relevant.

20 (4) Determine whether, or the extent to which, functions of a
21 special purpose district are to be assumed by an incorporated city or
22 town, metropolitan municipal corporation, or another existing special
23 purpose district.

24 (5) Disapprove the proposal except that the board shall not have
25 jurisdiction: (a) To disapprove the dissolution or disincorporation of
26 a special purpose district which is not providing services but shall
27 have jurisdiction over the determination of a division of the assets
28 and liabilities of a dissolved or disincorporated special purpose
29 district; (b) over the division of assets and liabilities of a special
30 purpose district that is dissolved or disincorporated pursuant to
31 chapter 36.96 RCW; nor (c) to disapprove the incorporation of a city
32 with an estimated population of seven thousand five hundred or more,
33 but the board may recommend against the proposed incorporation of a
34 city with such an estimated population.

35 Unless the board disapproves a proposal, it shall be presented
36 under the appropriate statute for approval of a public body and, if
37 required, a vote of the people. A proposal that has been modified
38 shall be presented under the appropriate statute for approval of a

1 public body and if required, a vote of the people. If a proposal,
2 other than that for a city, town, or special purpose district
3 annexation, after modification does not contain enough signatures of
4 persons within the modified area, as are required by law, then the
5 initiating party, parties or governmental unit has thirty days after
6 the modification decision to secure enough signatures to satisfy the
7 legal requirement. If the signatures cannot be secured then the
8 proposal may be submitted to a vote of the people, as required by law.

9 The addition or deletion of property by the board shall not
10 invalidate a petition which had previously satisfied the sufficiency of
11 signature provisions of RCW 35.13.130 or 35A.14.120. When the board,
12 after due proceedings held, disapproves a proposed action, such
13 proposed action shall be unavailable, the proposing agency shall be
14 without power to initiate the same or substantially the same as
15 determined by the board, and any succeeding acts intended to or tending
16 to effectuate that action shall be void, but such action may be
17 reinitiated after a period of twelve months from date of disapproval
18 and shall again be subject to the same consideration.

19 The board shall not modify or deny a proposed action unless there
20 is evidence on the record to support a conclusion that the action is
21 inconsistent with one or more of the objectives under RCW 36.93.180.
22 Every such determination to modify or deny a proposed action shall be
23 made in writing pursuant to a motion, and shall be supported by
24 appropriate written findings and conclusions, based on the record.

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