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HOUSE BILL 3200

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By Representatives Schmick, Simpson, Warnick, Schindler, and Sullivan

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1            AN ACT Relating to establishing a cemetery district in a county;  
2 amending RCW 68.52.100; and adding a new section to chapter 68.52 RCW.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.52.100 and 1994 c 223 s 74 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            For the purpose of forming a cemetery district, a petition  
7 designating the boundaries of the proposed district by metes and bounds  
8 or describing the lands to be included in the proposed district by  
9 government townships, ranges, and legal subdivisions, signed by not  
10 less than (~~fifteen~~) ten percent of the registered voters who reside  
11 within the boundaries of the proposed district, setting forth the  
12 object of the formation of such district and stating that the  
13 establishment thereof will be conducive to the public welfare and  
14 convenience, shall be filed with the county auditor of the county  
15 within which the proposed district is located, accompanied by an  
16 obligation signed by two or more petitioners agreeing to pay the cost  
17 of publishing the notice hereinafter provided for. The county auditor  
18 shall, within thirty days from the date of filing of such petition,  
19 examine the signatures and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency

1   thereof.   The name of any person who signed a petition shall not be  
2   withdrawn from the petition after it has been filed with the county  
3   auditor.   If the petition is found to contain a sufficient number of  
4   valid signatures, the county auditor shall transmit it, with a  
5   certificate of sufficiency attached, to the county legislative  
6   authority, which shall thereupon, by resolution entered upon its  
7   minutes, receive the same and fix a day and hour when it will publicly  
8   hear the petition.

9       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 68.52 RCW  
10   to read as follows:

11       A county legislative authority may, by ordinance or resolution,  
12   provide for a ballot proposition to form a cemetery district.   When  
13   proposed by ordinance or resolution of the county legislative  
14   authority, a ballot proposition shall designate the boundaries of the  
15   proposed district by metes and bounds or describing the lands to be  
16   included in the proposed district by government townships, ranges, and  
17   legal subdivisions.   The ballot proposition authorizing the formation  
18   of a cemetery district shall be submitted to the voters residing within  
19   the proposed district consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

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