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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1291**

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**By** House Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Maxwell, Simpson, Green, Rodne, Clibborn, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Orwall, Lias, Hudgins, Johnson, Sullivan, and Hunter)

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1            AN ACT Relating to library district annexations; and amending RCW  
2 27.12.360 and 27.12.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.360 and 1982 c 123 s 13 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Any city or town with a population of (~~one~~) three hundred  
7 thousand or less at the time of annexation may become a part of any  
8 rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty  
9 rural library district lying contiguous thereto by annexation in the  
10 following manner: The inclusion of such a city or town may be  
11 initiated by the adoption of an ordinance by the legislative authority  
12 thereof stating its intent to join the library district and finding  
13 that the public interest will be served thereby. Before adoption, the  
14 ordinance shall be submitted to the library board of the city or town  
15 for its review and recommendations. If no library board exists in the  
16 city or town, the state librarian shall be notified of the proposed  
17 ordinance. If the board of trustees of the library district concurs in  
18 the annexation, notification thereof shall be transmitted to the

1 legislative authority or authorities of the counties in which the city  
2 or town is situated.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.12.010 and 1994 c 198 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different  
6 meaning:

7 (1) "Governmental unit" means any county, city, town, rural county  
8 library district, intercounty rural library district, rural partial-  
9 county library district, or island library district;

10 (2) "Legislative body" means the body authorized to determine the  
11 amount of taxes to be levied in a governmental unit; in rural county  
12 library districts, in intercounty rural library districts, and in  
13 island library districts, the legislative body shall be the board of  
14 library trustees of the district;

15 (3) "Library" means a free public library supported in whole or in  
16 part with money derived from taxation;

17 (4) "Regional library" means a free public library maintained by  
18 two or more counties or other governmental units as provided in RCW  
19 27.12.080;

20 (5) "Rural county library district" means a library serving all the  
21 area of a county not included within the area of incorporated cities  
22 and towns: PROVIDED, That any city or town (~~with a population of one~~  
23 ~~hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation~~) meeting the  
24 population requirements of RCW 27.12.360 may be included therein as  
25 provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390;

26 (6) "Intercounty rural library district" means a municipal  
27 corporation organized to provide library service for all areas outside  
28 of incorporated cities and towns within two or more counties:  
29 PROVIDED, That any city or town (~~with a population of one hundred~~  
30 ~~thousand or less at the time of annexation~~) meeting the population  
31 requirements of RCW 27.12.360 may be included therein as provided in  
32 RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390;

33 (7) "Island library district" means a municipal corporation  
34 organized to provide library service for all areas outside of  
35 incorporated cities and towns on a single island only, and not all of  
36 the area of the county, in counties composed entirely of islands and  
37 having a population of less than twenty-five thousand at the time the

1 island library district was created: PROVIDED, That any city or town  
2 (~~with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of~~  
3 ~~annexation~~) meeting the population requirements of RCW 27.12.360 may  
4 be included therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390; and  
5 (8) "Rural partial-county library district" means a municipal  
6 corporation organized to provide library service for a portion of the  
7 unincorporated area of a county. Any city or town located in the same  
8 county as a rural partial-county library district may annex to the  
9 district if the city or town has a population of one hundred thousand  
10 or less at the time of annexation.

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