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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2068

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State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2013 1st Special Session

By Representative Takko

Read first time 06/03/13.

1            AN ACT Relating to the annexation of unincorporated territory  
2 within a code city; amending RCW 35A.14.295; providing an effective  
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35A.14.295 and 2013 c 333 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The legislative body of a code city may resolve to annex  
8 territory to the city if there is within the city, unincorporated  
9 territory:

10            (a) Containing less than one hundred seventy-five acres and having  
11 all of the boundaries of such area contiguous to the code city; or

12            (b) Of any size containing residential property owners and having  
13 at least eighty percent of the boundaries of such area contiguous to  
14 the city(~~, and is~~). Territory annexed under this subsection (1)(b)  
15 must be within the same county and within the same urban growth area  
16 designated under RCW 36.70A.110, and the city (~~is planning~~) must plan  
17 under chapter 36.70A RCW.

18            (2) The resolution shall describe the boundaries of the area to be  
19 annexed, state the number of voters residing therein as nearly as may

1 be, and set a date for a public hearing on such resolution for  
2 annexation. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication of the  
3 resolution at least once a week for two weeks prior to the date of the  
4 hearing, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the  
5 code city and one or more newspapers of general circulation within the  
6 area to be annexed.

7 (3) For purposes of subsection (1)(b) of this section, territory  
8 bounded by a river, lake, or other body of water is considered  
9 contiguous to a city that is also bounded by the same river, lake, or  
10 other body of water.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
14 July 28, 2013.

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