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HOUSE BILL 2068

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By Representative Takko

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

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- 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:
 - (1) The legislative body of a code city may resolve to annex territory to the city if there is within the city, unincorporated territory:
 - (a) Containing less than one hundred seventy-five acres and having all of the boundaries of such area contiguous to the code city; or
 - (b) Of any size and having ((at least eighty percent)) all of the boundaries of such area contiguous to the city, and is within the same county and within the same urban growth area designated under RCW 36.70A.110, and the city is planning under chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 16 (2) The resolution shall describe the boundaries of the area to be 17 annexed, state the number of voters residing therein as nearly as may 18 be, and set a date for a public hearing on such resolution for 19 annexation. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication of the

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resolution at least once a week for two weeks prior to the date of the hearing, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the code city and one or more newspapers of general circulation within the area to be annexed.

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- (3) For purposes of subsection (1)(b) of this section, territory bounded by a river, lake, or other body of water is considered contiguous to a city that is also bounded by the same river, lake, or other body of water.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate 10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the 11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect 12 July 28, 2013.

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