CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1264

63rd Legislature
2014 Regular Session

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  Yeas 94 Nays 0

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of
the House of Representatives of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is **HOUSE
BILL 1264** as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

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Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State
State of Washington

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By Representatives Haigh, Chandler, Takko, and Ryu

Read first time 01/22/13. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

 1   AN ACT Relating to partial fire district mergers; and amending RCW
 2   52.06.090, 52.06.100, and 52.06.140.

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

 4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.06.090 and 1989 c 63 s 16 are each amended to read
 5   as follows:
 6   A part of one district may be transferred and merged with an
 7   adjacent district if the area can be better served by the merged
 8   district. To effect such a merger, a petition, signed by a majority of
 9   the commissioners of the merging district or signed by not less than
10   fifteen percent of the qualified electors residing in the area to be
11   merged, shall be filed with the commissioners of the merging district,
12   if signed by electors, or with the commissioners of the merger district
13   if signed by commissioners of the merging district. If the
14   commissioners of the merging district approve the petition, the
15   petition shall be presented to the commissioners of the merger
16   district. If the commissioners of the merger district approve the
17   petition, an election shall be called in the area to be merged.
18   In the event that either board of fire district commissioners does
19   not approve the petition, the ((petition may be approved by the

1 ~~boundary review board of the county or the county legislative authority~~
2 ~~of the county in which the area to be merged is situated, and may~~
3 ~~approve the merger if it decides the area can be better served by a~~
4 ~~merger. If the part of the merging district that is proposed to merge~~
5 ~~with the merger district is located in more than one county, the~~
6 ~~approval must be by the boundary review board or county legislative~~
7 ~~authority of each county. If there is an affirmative decision, an~~
8 ~~election shall be called in the area to be merged~~)) <u>partial merger must</u>
9 <u>not proceed</u>.
10   A majority of the votes cast is necessary to approve the transfer.

11   **Sec. 2.** RCW 52.06.100 and 1989 c 63 s 17 are each amended to read
12 as follows:
13   <u>If the partial merger petition has been approved by the</u>
14 <u>commissioners of the merging district and the merger district and if</u>
15 three-fifths of the qualified electors in the area to be merged sign a
16 petition to merge the districts, no election on the question of the
17 merger is necessary, in which case the auditor or lead auditor shall
18 return the petition, together with a certificate of sufficiency, to the
19 board of the merger district. The board of the merger district shall
20 then adopt a resolution declaring the portion of the district merged in
21 the same manner and to the same effect as if the same had been
22 authorized by an election.

23   **Sec. 3.** RCW 52.06.140 and 1989 c 63 s 18 are each amended to read
24 as follows:
25   A merger fire protection district located in a single county, that
26 merged with a merging fire protection district located in another
27 county or counties, shall be identified by the name of each county in
28 which the fire protection district is located, listed alphabetically,
29 followed by a number that is the next highest number available for a
30 fire protection district in the one of these counties that has the
31 greatest number of fire protection districts.
32   <u>This section does not apply to partial mergers under RCW 52.06.090.</u>

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