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By Representative Pike

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1 AN ACT Relating to transfer of school district territory  
2 initiated by school district boards of directors; and amending RCW  
3 28A.315.195.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.315.195 and 2012 c 186 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A proposed change in school district organization by transfer  
8 of territory from one school district to another may be initiated by:

9 (a) A petition in writing presented to the educational service  
10 district superintendent(~~(+~~

11 ~~+))~~ signed by at least fifty percent plus one of the active  
12 registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be  
13 transferred; or

14 (b) A written agreement signed by a majority of the members of  
15 the board of directors of ~~((one))~~ each of the districts affected by a  
16 proposed transfer of territory and providing documentation that,  
17 before signing the ~~((petition))~~ agreement, the boards of directors  
18 ~~((took the following actions:~~

19 ~~(i) Communicated the proposed transfer to the board of directors~~  
20 ~~of the affected district or districts and provided an opportunity for~~  
21 ~~the board of the affected district or districts to respond; and~~

1       ~~(ii))~~ communicated the proposed transfer to the registered  
2 voters residing in the territory proposed to be transferred, provided  
3 notice of a public hearing regarding the proposal, and provided the  
4 voters an opportunity to comment on the proposal at ~~(the)~~ a public  
5 hearing. A public hearing under this subsection (1)(b) must be  
6 conducted by the boards of directors of each of the affected  
7 districts, but may be a single hearing conducted jointly by the  
8 boards.

9       (2) The petition or agreement shall state the name and number of  
10 each district affected, describe the boundaries of the territory  
11 proposed to be transferred, and state the reasons for desiring the  
12 change and the number of children of school age, if any, residing in  
13 the territory.

14       (3) The educational service district superintendent shall not  
15 complete any transfer of territory under this section that involves  
16 ten percent or more of the common school student population of the  
17 entire district from which the transfer is proposed, unless the  
18 educational service district superintendent has first called and held  
19 a special election of the voters of the entire school district from  
20 which the transfer of territory is proposed. The purpose of the  
21 election is to afford those voters an opportunity to approve or  
22 reject the proposed transfer. A simple majority shall determine  
23 approval or rejection.

24       (4) The superintendent of public instruction may establish rules  
25 limiting the frequency of petitions that may be filed pertaining to  
26 territory included in whole or in part in a previous petition.

27       (5) A petition to transfer territory must be processed in  
28 accordance with RCW 28A.315.199 and 28A.315.205. A written agreement  
29 to transfer territory must be processed in accordance with RCW  
30 28A.315.215.

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