
HOUSE BILL 1598

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing code cities of a certain size with
2 the ability to annex unincorporated areas without a referendum
3 provision pursuant to a jointly approved interlocal agreement with
4 the county; adding a new section to chapter 35A.14 RCW; and creating
5 a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that city
8 annexations of unincorporated areas within the county they are
9 located in will be more efficient and effective if the county and
10 city develop a jointly approved interlocal agreement so as not to
11 create illogical boundaries or islands of unincorporated territory.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.14
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) A code city as provided in subsection (2) of this section may
15 annex unincorporated territory pursuant to an interlocal agreement.

16 (2) The county legislative authority of each county with a
17 population of one hundred fifty thousand or more and the governing
18 body of each code city with a population in excess of twenty thousand
19 may jointly initiate an annexation process for unincorporated

1 territory by adopting an interlocal agreement as provided in chapter
2 39.34 RCW between the county and code city within the county.

3 (3) The county and code city shall jointly agree on the
4 boundaries of the annexation. The interlocal agreement shall describe
5 the boundaries of the territory to be annexed and set a date for a
6 public hearing on such agreement for annexation. A public hearing
7 shall be held by each legislative body, separately or jointly, before
8 the agreement is executed. Each legislative body holding a public
9 hearing shall, separately or jointly, publish the agreement at least
10 once a week for two weeks before the date of the hearing in one or
11 more newspapers of general circulation within the code city and one
12 or more newspapers of general circulation within the territory
13 proposed for annexation.

14 (4) On the date set for hearing, residents or property owners of
15 the area included in the resolution for annexation shall be afforded
16 an opportunity to be heard. Following the hearing, if the legislative
17 body determines to effect the annexation, they shall do so by
18 ordinance. If the annexation ordinance provides for assumption of
19 indebtedness or adoption of a proposed zoning regulation, the notice
20 shall include a statement of such requirements. Upon passage of the
21 annexation ordinance a certified copy shall be filed with the board
22 of county commissioners of the county in which the annexed property
23 is located.

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