
SENATE BILL 5522

State of Washington

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By Senator Takko

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing code cities with the ability to
2 annex unincorporated areas pursuant to a jointly approved interlocal
3 agreement with the county; adding a new section to chapter 35A.14
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

15 (2) The county legislative authority of a county and the
16 governing body of a code city may jointly initiate an annexation
17 process for unincorporated territory by adopting an interlocal
18 agreement as provided in chapter 39.34 RCW between the county and
19 code city within the county.

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

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

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