CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

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BRIAN EBERSOLE
Speaker of the House of Representatives

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5913 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary

Approved May 17, 1993

MIKE LOWRY
Governor of the State of Washington

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Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to annexation procedures for public hospital districts; and amending RCW 70.44.200.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 70.44.200 and 1979 ex.s. c 143 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A public hospital district may annex territory outside the existing boundaries of such district and contiguous thereto, whether the territory lies in one or more counties, in accordance with this section.

(2) A petition for annexation of territory contiguous to a public hospital district may be filed with the commission of the district to which annexation is proposed. The petition must be signed by the owners, as prescribed by RCW 35A.01.040(9) (a) through (e), of not less than sixty percent of the area of land within the territory proposed to be annexed. Such petition shall describe the boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed and shall be accompanied by a map which outlines the boundaries of such territory.

(3) Whenever such a petition for annexation is filed with the commission of a public hospital district, the commission may entertain
the same, fix a date for public hearing thereon, and cause notice of
the hearing to be published once a week for at least two consecutive
weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory
proposed to be annexed. The notice shall also be posted in three
public places within the territory proposed to be annexed, shall
contain a description of the boundaries of such territory, and shall
specify the time and place of hearing and invite interested persons to
appear and voice approval or disapproval of the annexation.

(4) Following the hearing, if the commission of the district
determines to accomplish the annexation, it shall do so by resolution.
The resolution may annex all or any portion of the proposed territory
but may not include in the annexation any property not described in the
petition. Upon passage of the annexation resolution, the territory
annexed shall become part of the district and a certified copy of such
resolution shall be filed with the legislative authority of the county
or counties in which the annexed property is located.

(5) If the petition for annexation and the annexation resolution so
provide, as the commission may require, and such petition has been
signed by the owners of all the land within the boundaries of the
territory being annexed, the annexed property shall assume and be
assessed and taxed to pay for all or any portion of the outstanding
indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed at the same rates
as other property within such district. Unless so provided in the
petition and resolution, property within the boundaries of the
territory annexed shall not be assessed or taxed to pay for all or any
portion of the indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed that
was contracted prior to or which existed at the date of annexation. In
no event shall any such annexed property be released from any
assessments or taxes previously levied against it or from its existing
liability for the payment of outstanding bonds or warrants issued prior
to such annexation.

(6) The annexation procedure provided for in ((RCW 70.44.200)) this
section shall be an alternative method of annexation applicable only
((when)) if at the time ((a)) the annexation petition is filed
((pursuant to RCW 70.44.200)) either there are no ((qualified
electors)) registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be
annexed or the petition is also signed by all of the registered voters
residing in the territory proposed to be annexed.