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SENATE BILL 5795

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By Senator Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to reduction of city limits; and amending RCW  
2 35.16.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.16.010 and 1994 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) Upon the filing of a petition which is sufficient as  
7 determined by RCW 35A.01.040 requesting the exclusion from the  
8 boundaries of a city or town of an area described by metes and bounds  
9 or by reference to a recorded plat or government survey, signed by  
10 qualified voters of the city or town equal in number to not less than  
11 ten percent of the number of voters voting at the last general  
12 municipal election, the city or town legislative body shall submit the  
13 question to the voters. As an alternate method, the legislative body  
14 of the city or town may by resolution submit a proposal to the voters  
15 for excluding such a described area from the boundaries of the city or  
16 town.

17 (b) In addition to the procedures in (a) of this subsection, in a  
18 city with a population of over four hundred thousand, upon the filing  
19 of a petition which is sufficient as determined by RCW 35A.01.040

1 requesting the exclusion from the boundaries of the city of an area  
2 containing at least ten percent of the qualified voters of the city  
3 described by metes and bounds or by reference to a recorded plat or  
4 government survey, signed by qualified voters of the area proposed to  
5 be excluded equal in number to not less than twenty-five percent of the  
6 number of voters of the area proposed to be excluded voting at the last  
7 general municipal election, the city legislative body shall submit the  
8 issue of reduction of city limits to the voters of the area proposed to  
9 be excluded.

10 (2) The question shall be submitted at the next general municipal  
11 election if one is to be held within one hundred eighty days or at a  
12 special election called for that purpose not less than ninety days nor  
13 more than one hundred eighty days after the certification of  
14 sufficiency of the petition or the passage of the resolution. The  
15 petition or resolution shall set out and describe the territory to be  
16 excluded from the city or town, together with the boundaries of the  
17 city or town as it will exist after such change is made.

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