
SENATE BILL 6527

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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) As an alternative to the procedures in (a) of this subsection:

18 (i) In a city with a population of four hundred thousand or more,
19 upon the filing of a petition which is sufficient as determined by RCW

1 35A.01.040 requesting the exclusion from the boundaries of the city of
2 an area containing at least ten percent of the qualified voters of the
3 city described by metes and bounds or by reference to a recorded plat
4 or government survey, signed by qualified voters of the area proposed
5 to be excluded equal in number to not less than twenty-five percent of
6 the number of voters of the area proposed to be excluded voting at the
7 last general municipal election, the city legislative body shall submit
8 the issue of reduction of city limits to the voters of the area
9 proposed to be excluded;

10 (ii) In a city with a population of one hundred thousand or more
11 but less than four hundred thousand, upon the filing of a petition
12 which is sufficient as determined by RCW 35A.01.040 requesting the
13 exclusion from the boundaries of the city of an area containing at
14 least forty percent of the qualified voters of the city described by
15 metes and bounds or by reference to a recorded plat or government
16 survey, signed by qualified voters of the area proposed to be excluded
17 equal in number to not less than twenty-five percent of the number of
18 voters of the area proposed to be excluded voting at the last general
19 municipal election, the city legislative body shall submit the issue of
20 reduction of city limits to the voters of the area proposed to be
21 excluded;

22 (iii) In a city with a population of ten thousand or more but less
23 than one hundred thousand, upon the filing of a petition which is
24 sufficient as determined by RCW 35A.01.040 requesting the exclusion
25 from the boundaries of the city of an area containing at least fifty
26 percent of the qualified voters of the city described by metes and
27 bounds or by reference to a recorded plat or government survey, signed
28 by qualified voters of the area proposed to be excluded equal in number
29 to not less than twenty-five percent of the number of voters of the
30 area proposed to be excluded voting at the last general municipal
31 election, the city legislative body shall submit the issue of reduction
32 of city limits to the voters of the area proposed to be excluded.

33 (2) The question shall be submitted at the next general municipal
34 election if one is to be held within one hundred eighty days or at a
35 special election called for that purpose not less than ninety days nor
36 more than one hundred eighty days after the certification of
37 sufficiency of the petition or the passage of the resolution. The
38 petition or resolution shall set out and describe the territory to be

1 excluded from the city or town, together with the boundaries of the
2 city or town as it will exist after such change is made.

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