

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia Washington

BilAnalysis

Bill No. HB 2562

Signature requirement/name change/port district  
Brief title

Hrg Date: 1/27/98

Reps. D. Schmidt/Scott  
Sponsor

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**BACKGROUND:**

Port districts are municipal corporations authorized to control and manage specified functions, including harbor and industrial improvements and rail, motor air and water transfer and terminal facilities. County legislative authority (a) may decide to submit a proposal to create a port district to county voters or (b) is required to submit a proposal upon receipt of a petition requesting such a vote that is signed by at least 10 percent of registered county voters based on the total vote in the last general county election. The proposal to create a port district is approved by majority vote.

The corporate name of any port district may be changed under certain conditions. The port district commissioner is required to submit a proposal to change the name of the port district upon receiving a petition requesting such a change that is signed by at least 250 registered voters residing in the port district. The name change proposal is approved by majority vote.

**SUMMARY:**

The minimum number of signatures required to submit a name change proposal to voters is increased in statute. Port district commissioners are required to submit a name change proposal to port district voters upon receiving a petition requesting such a change that is signed by at least 10 percent of port district voters who voted at the last general port election.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.