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- 1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a popular vote of the city for an
- 2 island of territory annexations; and amending RCW 35A.14.299.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35A.14.299 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.14.299 are each 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Such annexation ordinance as provided for in RCW 35A.14.297
- 7 shall be subject to referendum for forty-five days after the
- 8 passage thereof. Upon the filing of a timely and sufficient
- 9 referendum petition with the legislative body, signed by
- 10 ((qualified electors)) voters residing in the area proposed to be
- 11 <u>annexed</u> in number equal to not less than ten percent of the votes
- 12 cast in the last general state election in the area to be annexed,
- 13 the question of annexation shall be submitted to the voters of
- 14 ((such)) the area in a general election if one is to be held
- 15 within ninety days or at a special election called for that
- 16 purpose not less than forty-five days nor more than ninety days
- 17 after the filing of the referendum petition. However, if the area
- 18 proposed to be annexed under RCW 35A.14.295 is entirely surrounded

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- 1 by the city, a single ballot proposition authorizing the
- 2 annexation must be submitted to the voters of both the city and
- 3 the area proposed to be annexed. Notice of such election shall be
- 4 given as provided in RCW 35A.14.070 ((and the election shall be
- 5 conducted as provided in RCW 35A.14.060)). The annexation shall be
- 6 deemed approved by the voters unless a majority of the votes cast
- 7 on the proposition are in opposition thereto.
- 8 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding
- 9 the date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
- 10 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed
- 11 shall become a part of the code city upon the date fixed in the
- 12 ordinance of annexation. From and after such date, if the ordinance
- 13 so provided, property in the annexed area shall be subject to the
- 14 proposed zoning regulation prepared and filed for such area as
- 15 provided in RCW 35A.14.330 and 35A.14.340. If the ordinance so
- 16 provided, all property within the area annexed shall be assessed
- 17 and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as the property
- 18 of such annexing code city is assessed and taxed to pay for any
- 19 then outstanding indebtedness of such city contracted prior to, or
- 20 existing at, the date of annexation.

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