

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1264**

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63rd Legislature  
2014 Regular Session

FIRE DISTRICTS--PARTIAL FIRE DISTRICT MERGERS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/14

Passed by the House February 7, 2014  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 6, 2014  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 17, 2014, 3:10 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1264** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Haigh, Chandler, Takko, and Ryu

Read first time 01/22/13. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to partial fire district mergers; and amending RCW  
2 52.06.090, 52.06.100, and 52.06.140.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.06.090 and 1989 c 63 s 16 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            A part of one district may be transferred and merged with an  
7 adjacent district if the area can be better served by the merged  
8 district. To effect such a merger, a petition, signed by a majority of  
9 the commissioners of the merging district or signed by not less than  
10 fifteen percent of the qualified electors residing in the area to be  
11 merged, shall be filed with the commissioners of the merging district,  
12 if signed by electors, or with the commissioners of the merger district  
13 if signed by commissioners of the merging district. If the  
14 commissioners of the merging district approve the petition, the  
15 petition shall be presented to the commissioners of the merger  
16 district. If the commissioners of the merger district approve the  
17 petition, an election shall be called in the area to be merged.

18            In the event that either board of fire district commissioners does  
19 not approve the petition, the (~~petition may be approved by the~~

1 ~~boundary review board of the county or the county legislative authority~~  
2 ~~of the county in which the area to be merged is situated, and may~~  
3 ~~approve the merger if it decides the area can be better served by a~~  
4 ~~merger. If the part of the merging district that is proposed to merge~~  
5 ~~with the merger district is located in more than one county, the~~  
6 ~~approval must be by the boundary review board or county legislative~~  
7 ~~authority of each county. If there is an affirmative decision, an~~  
8 ~~election shall be called in the area to be merged)) partial merger must~~  
9 ~~not proceed.~~

10 A majority of the votes cast is necessary to approve the transfer.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 52.06.100 and 1989 c 63 s 17 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 If the partial merger petition has been approved by the  
14 commissioners of the merging district and the merger district and if  
15 three-fifths of the qualified electors in the area to be merged sign a  
16 petition to merge the districts, no election on the question of the  
17 merger is necessary, in which case the auditor or lead auditor shall  
18 return the petition, together with a certificate of sufficiency, to the  
19 board of the merger district. The board of the merger district shall  
20 then adopt a resolution declaring the portion of the district merged in  
21 the same manner and to the same effect as if the same had been  
22 authorized by an election.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 52.06.140 and 1989 c 63 s 18 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 A merger fire protection district located in a single county, that  
26 merged with a merging fire protection district located in another  
27 county or counties, shall be identified by the name of each county in  
28 which the fire protection district is located, listed alphabetically,  
29 followed by a number that is the next highest number available for a  
30 fire protection district in the one of these counties that has the  
31 greatest number of fire protection districts.

32 This section does not apply to partial mergers under RCW 52.06.090.

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