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By Senators Skratek, Deccio, Erwin, Sheldon, M. Rasmussen, Moyer and Sellar

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1 AN ACT Relating to port districts; and amending RCW 53.04.023.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.04.023 and 1992 c 147 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 A less than county-wide port district with an assessed valuation of  
6 at least seventy-five million dollars may be created in a county  
7 (~~bordering on saltwater~~) that already has a less than county-wide  
8 port district located within its boundaries. Except as provided in  
9 this section, such a port district shall be created in accordance with  
10 the procedure to create a county-wide port district.

11 The effort to create such a port district is initiated by the  
12 filing of a petition with the county auditor calling for the creation  
13 of such a port district, describing the boundaries of the proposed port  
14 district, and providing a name for the proposed port district. The  
15 petition must be signed by voters residing within the proposed port  
16 district equal in number to at least ten percent of such voters who  
17 voted at the last county general election.

18 A public hearing on creation of the proposed port district shall be  
19 held by the county legislative authority if the county auditor

1 certifies that the petition contained sufficient valid signatures.  
2 Notice of the public hearing must be published in the county's official  
3 newspaper at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.  
4 After taking testimony, the county legislative authority may make  
5 changes in the boundaries of the proposed port district if it finds  
6 that such changes are in the public interest and shall determine if the  
7 creation of the port district is in the public interest. No area may  
8 be added to the boundaries unless a subsequent public hearing is held  
9 on the proposed port district.

10 The county legislative authority shall submit a ballot proposition  
11 authorizing the creation of the proposed port district to the voters of  
12 the proposed port district, at any special election date provided in  
13 RCW 29.13.020, if it finds the creation of the port district to be in  
14 the public interest.

15 The port district shall be created if a majority of the voters  
16 voting on the ballot proposition favor the creation of the port  
17 district. The initial port commissioners shall be elected at the same  
18 election as provided in RCW 53.12.050, but the election of  
19 commissioners shall be null and void if the port district is not  
20 created. Commissioner districts shall not be used in the initial  
21 election of the port commissioners.

22 This section shall expire July 1, 1997.

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