
SENATE BILL 5550

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By Senator Craswell; by request of Secretary of State.

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Governmental Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to municipal census data; and amending RCW
2 35.13.260 and 35A.14.700.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.13.260 and 1979 c 151 s 25 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Whenever any territory is annexed to a city or town, a certificate
7 as hereinafter provided shall be submitted in triplicate to the office
8 of financial management, hereinafter in this section referred to as
9 "the office", within thirty days of the effective date of annexation
10 specified in the relevant ordinance. After approval of the
11 certificate, the office shall retain the original copy in its files,
12 and transmit the second copy to the department of transportation and
13 return the third copy to the city or town. Such certificates shall be
14 in such form and contain such information as shall be prescribed by the
15 office. A copy of the complete ordinance containing a legal

1 description and a map showing specifically the boundaries of the
2 annexed territory shall be attached to each of the three copies of the
3 certificate. The certificate shall be signed by the mayor and attested
4 by the city clerk. Upon request, the office shall furnish
5 certification forms to any city or town.

6 The resident population of the annexed territory shall be
7 determined by, or under the direction of, the mayor of the city or
8 town. Such population determination shall consist of either: (1) An
9 actual enumeration of the population which shall be made in accordance
10 with practices and policies, and subject to the approval of, the
11 office; or (2) in years ending with a "1," the mayor may use the
12 population determination of the United States census from the previous
13 year's census enumeration. Population in areas annexed subject to
14 determination under subsection (2) of this section must be in an area
15 containing approximately one thousand people or more with annexation
16 boundaries clearly defined to correspond with federal census count
17 geography. Final population determination for all annexations is
18 subject to approval and certification by the office of financial
19 management. The population shall be determined as of the effective
20 date of annexation as specified in the relevant ordinance.

21 Until an annexation certificate is filed and approved as provided
22 herein, such annexed territory shall not be considered by the office in
23 determining the population of such city or town.

24 Upon approval of the annexation certificate, the office shall
25 forward to each state official or department responsible for making
26 allocations or payments to cities or towns, a revised certificate
27 reflecting the increase in population due to such annexation. Upon and
28 after the date of the commencement of the next quarterly period, the
29 population determination indicated in such revised certificate shall be

1 used as the basis for the allocation and payment of state funds to such
2 city or town.

3 For the purposes of this section, each quarterly period shall
4 commence on the first day of the months of January, April, July, and
5 October. Whenever a revised certificate is forwarded by the office
6 thirty days or less prior to the commencement of the next quarterly
7 period, the population of the annexed territory shall not be considered
8 until the commencement of the following quarterly period.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35A.14.700 and 1979 ex.s. c 18 s 28 are each amended
10 to read as follows:

11 Whenever any territory is annexed to a code city, a certificate as
12 hereinafter provided shall be submitted in triplicate to the office of
13 financial management within thirty days of the effective date of
14 annexation specified in the relevant ordinance. After approval of the
15 certificate, the office of financial management shall retain the
16 original copy in its files, and transmit the second copy to the
17 department of transportation and return the third copy to the code
18 city. Such certificates shall be in such form and contain such
19 information as shall be prescribed by the office of financial
20 management. A copy of the complete ordinance containing a legal
21 description and a map showing specifically the boundaries of the
22 annexed territory shall be attached to each of the three copies of the
23 certificate. The certificate shall be signed by the mayor and attested
24 by the city clerk. Upon request, the office of financial management
25 shall furnish certification forms to any code city.

26 Upon approval of the annexation certificate, the office of
27 financial management shall forward to each state official or department
28 responsible for making allocations or payments to cities or towns, a
29 revised certificate reflecting the increase in population due to such

1 annexation. Upon and after the date of the commencement of the next
2 quarterly period, the population determination indicated in such
3 revised certificate shall be used as the basis for the allocation and
4 payment of state funds to such city or town.

5 For the purposes of this section, each quarterly period shall
6 commence on the first day of the months of January, April, July, and
7 October. Whenever a revised certificate is forwarded by the office of
8 financial management thirty days or less prior to the commencement of
9 the next quarterly period, the population of the annexed territory
10 shall not be considered until the commencement of the following
11 quarterly period.

12 The resident population of the annexed territory shall be
13 determined by, or under the direction of, the mayor of the code city.
14 Such population determination shall consist of either: (1) An actual
15 enumeration of the population which shall be made in accordance with
16 practices and policies, and subject to the approval of the office of
17 financial management; or (2) in years ending with a "1," the mayor may
18 use the population determination of the United States census from the
19 previous year's census enumeration. Population in areas annexed
20 subject to determination under subsection (2) of this section must be
21 in an area containing approximately one thousand people or more with
22 annexation boundaries clearly defined to correspond with federal census
23 count geography. Final population determination for all annexations is
24 subject to approval and certification by the office of financial
25 management. The population shall be determined as of the effective
26 date of annexation as specified in the relevant ordinance.

27 Until an annexation certificate is filed and approved as provided
28 herein, such annexed territory shall not be considered by the office of
29 financial management in determining the population of such code city.