

1013

Sponsor(s): Representatives Zellinsky, Ferguson, Haugen, Horn, Roland, Wood and Mitchell

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to newly incorporated cities and towns.

HB 1013 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that a newly incorporated city or town shall be liable for its proportional share of the costs of all elections.

Revises authority of the cities or towns during the interim period between the election and official incorporation.

Provides for the adoption of interim budgets.

Authorizes the governing body to borrow money from the municipal sales and use tax equalization account.

Provides for repayment of any borrowed funds over a three year period.

Authorizes the loans of staff, equipment, and technical assistance to newly incorporated cities or towns.

Declares an emergency and takes effect immediately.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1013

May 21, 1991

To the Honorable, the House
of Representatives of the
State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 1, House Bill No. 1013 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to cities and towns."

Current law states that where a vote on incorporation is held, if the vote in favor of incorporation is forty percent or less of the total vote, another election on the same issue cannot be held for three years. Section 1 of this bill seeks to change the forty percent requirement to thirty percent and to make this change applicable to elections held before the effective date of this Act.

Making the change retroactive shifts the rules on the electorate after the game. Voters have a right to vote for a governing structure according to laws existing at the time of the election. Retroactively redefining the rules in this manner will only serve to frustrate the electorate and undermine our democratic process. For this reason, I have vetoed section 1.

With the exception of section 1, House Bill No. 1013 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor