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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5913**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Sellar)

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1 AN ACT Relating to annexation procedures for public hospital  
2 districts; and amending RCW 70.44.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.200 and 1979 ex.s. c 143 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A public hospital district may annex territory outside the  
7 existing boundaries of such district and contiguous thereto, whether  
8 the territory lies in one or more counties, in accordance with this  
9 section.

10 (2) A petition for annexation of territory contiguous to a public  
11 hospital district may be filed with the commission of the district to  
12 which annexation is proposed. The petition must be signed by the  
13 owners, as prescribed by RCW 35A.01.040(9) (a) through (e), of not less  
14 than sixty percent of the area of land within the territory proposed to  
15 be annexed. Such petition shall describe the boundaries of the  
16 territory proposed to be annexed and shall be accompanied by a map  
17 which outlines the boundaries of such territory.

18 (3) Whenever such a petition for annexation is filed with the  
19 commission of a public hospital district, the commission may entertain

1 the same, fix a date for public hearing thereon, and cause notice of  
2 the hearing to be published once a week for at least two consecutive  
3 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory  
4 proposed to be annexed. The notice shall also be posted in three  
5 public places within the territory proposed to be annexed, shall  
6 contain a description of the boundaries of such territory, and shall  
7 specify the time and place of hearing and invite interested persons to  
8 appear and voice approval or disapproval of the annexation.

9 (4) Following the hearing, if the commission of the district  
10 determines to accomplish the annexation, it shall do so by resolution.  
11 The resolution may annex all or any portion of the proposed territory  
12 but may not include in the annexation any property not described in the  
13 petition. Upon passage of the annexation resolution, the territory  
14 annexed shall become part of the district and a certified copy of such  
15 resolution shall be filed with the legislative authority of the county  
16 or counties in which the annexed property is located.

17 (5) If the petition for annexation and the annexation resolution so  
18 provide, as the commission may require, and such petition has been  
19 signed by the owners of all the land within the boundaries of the  
20 territory being annexed, the annexed property shall assume and be  
21 assessed and taxed to pay for all or any portion of the outstanding  
22 indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed at the same rates  
23 as other property within such district. Unless so provided in the  
24 petition and resolution, property within the boundaries of the  
25 territory annexed shall not be assessed or taxed to pay for all or any  
26 portion of the indebtedness of the district to which it is annexed that  
27 was contracted prior to or which existed at the date of annexation. In  
28 no event shall any such annexed property be released from any  
29 assessments or taxes previously levied against it or from its existing  
30 liability for the payment of outstanding bonds or warrants issued prior  
31 to such annexation.

32 (6) The annexation procedure provided for in RCW 70.44.200 shall be  
33 an alternative method applicable only when ~~((at))~~ the ~~((time-a))~~  
34 petition ~~((is))~~ filed pursuant to ~~((RCW 70.44.200 there are no))~~  
35 subsection (2) of this section is signed by all of the qualified  
36 electors residing in the territory to be annexed at the time the  
37 petition is filed.

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