
SENATE BILL 5654

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By Senators McCaslin and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection in newly incorporated cities and
2 towns; and amending RCW 52.04.161.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.04.161 and 1993 c 262 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 If the area of a newly incorporated city or town is located in one
7 or more fire protection districts, the city or town is deemed to have
8 been annexed by the fire protection district or districts effective
9 immediately on the city's or town's official date of incorporation,
10 unless the city or town council adopts a resolution during the interim
11 transition period precluding the annexation of the newly incorporated
12 city or town by the fire protection district or districts. The newly
13 incorporated city or town shall remain annexed to the fire protection
14 district or districts for the remainder of the year of the city's or
15 town's official date of incorporation, or through the following year if
16 such extension is approved by resolution adopted by the city or town
17 council and by the board or boards of fire commissioners, and shall be
18 withdrawn from the fire protection district or districts at the end of
19 this period, unless a ballot proposition is adopted by the voters

1 (~~pursuant to RCW 52.04.071~~) providing for annexation of the city or
2 town to ((a)) one fire protection district or providing for the fire
3 protection district or districts to annex only that area of the city or
4 town located within the district. Such election shall be held pursuant
5 to RCW 52.04.071 where possible, provided that in annexations to more
6 than one fire protection district, the qualified elector shall reside
7 within the boundaries of the appropriate fire protection district or in
8 that area of the city located within the district.

9 If the city or town is withdrawn from the fire protection district
10 or districts, the maximum rate of the first property tax levy that is
11 imposed by the city or town after the withdrawal is calculated as if
12 the city or town never had been annexed by the fire protection district
13 or districts.

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