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By Senators Carlson, Oke, Shin, Jacobsen and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to annexing park districts; and amending RCW  
2 35.61.010 and 35.61.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.61.010 and 2002 c 88 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A metropolitan park district may be created for the management,  
7 control, improvement, maintenance, and acquisition of parks, parkways,  
8 boulevards, and recreational facilities. A metropolitan park district  
9 may include territory located in portions or all of one or more cities  
10 or counties, or one or more cities and counties, when created or  
11 enlarged as provided in this chapter. A county planning under RCW  
12 36.70A.040 may propose creating a metropolitan park district consisting  
13 of the unincorporated portions of an urban growth area even if the  
14 portions are geographically isolated from each other, if there is a  
15 joint provision of parks and recreation services by the city and  
16 county, or an interlocal agreement with the city and the area is not  
17 part of an existing metropolitan park district.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.61.020 and 2002 c 88 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) When proposed by citizen petition or by local government  
4 resolution as provided in this section, a ballot proposition  
5 authorizing the creation of a metropolitan park district shall be  
6 submitted by resolution to the voters of the area proposed to be  
7 included in the district at any general election, or at any special  
8 election which may be called for that purpose.

9       (2) The ballot proposition shall be submitted if the governing body  
10 of each city in which all or a portion of the proposed district is  
11 located, and the legislative authority of each county in which all or  
12 a portion of the proposed district is located within the unincorporated  
13 portion of the county, each adopts a resolution submitting the  
14 proposition to create a metropolitan park district.

15       (3) As an alternative to the method provided under subsection (2)  
16 of this section, the ballot proposition shall be submitted if a  
17 petition proposing creation of a metropolitan park district is  
18 submitted to the county auditor of each county in which all or a  
19 portion of the proposed district is located that is signed by at least  
20 fifteen percent of the registered voters residing in the area to be  
21 included within the proposed district. Where the petition is for  
22 creation of a district in more than one county, the petition shall be  
23 filed with the county auditor of the county having the greater area of  
24 the proposed district, and a copy filed with each other county auditor  
25 of the other counties covering the proposed district.

26       Territory by virtue of its annexation to any city whose territory  
27 lies entirely within a park district (~~((shall be))~~) is deemed to be  
28 within the limits of the metropolitan park district. (~~((Such an))~~) That  
29 extension of a park district's boundaries (~~((shall not be))~~) is not  
30 subject to review by a boundary review board independent of the board's  
31 review of the city annexation of territory. Territory entirely within  
32 an unincorporated park district is automatically excluded from the  
33 district upon annexation to a city through an interlocal agreement with  
34 the city that disburses assets and debt in an orderly and equitable  
35 manner.

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