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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Jenkins, Sawyer, and Kirby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the petition-based annexation method for
2 owners of property within a city or town that seek annexation to
3 another city or town; and amending RCW 35.10.217.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.10.217 and 1986 c 253 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The following methods are available for the annexation of all or
8 a part of a city or town to another city or town:

9 (1) A petition for an election to vote upon the annexation, which
10 proposed annexation is approved by the legislative body of the city
11 or town from which the territory will be taken, may be submitted to
12 the legislative body of the city or town to which annexation is
13 proposed. An annexation under this subsection shall otherwise conform
14 with the requirements for and procedures of a petition and election
15 method of annexing unincorporated territory under chapter 35.13 RCW,
16 except for the requirement for the approval of the annexation by the
17 city or town from which the territory would be taken.

18 (2) The legislative body of a city or town may on its own
19 initiative by resolution indicate its desire to be annexed to a city
20 or town either in whole or in part, or the legislative body of a city
21 or town proposing to annex all or part of another city or town may

1 initiate the annexation by adopting a resolution indicating that
2 desire. In case such resolution is passed, such resolution shall be
3 transmitted to the other affected city or town. The annexation is
4 effective if the other city or town adopts a resolution concurring in
5 the annexation, unless the owners of property in the area proposed to
6 be annexed, equal in value to sixty percent or more of the assessed
7 valuation of the property in the area, protest the proposed
8 annexation in writing to the legislative body of the city or town
9 proposing to annex the area, within thirty days of the adoption of
10 the second resolution accepting the annexation. Notices of the public
11 hearing at which the second resolution is adopted shall be mailed to
12 the owners of the property within the area proposed to be annexed in
13 the same manner that notices of a hearing on a proposed local
14 improvement district are required to be mailed by a city or town as
15 provided in chapter 35.43 RCW. An annexation under this subsection
16 shall be potentially subject to review by a boundary review board or
17 other annexation review board after the adoption of the initial
18 resolution, and the second resolution may not be adopted until the
19 proposed annexation has been approved by the board.

20 (3) The owners of property located in a city or town may petition
21 for annexation to another city or town. An annexation under this
22 subsection shall conform with the requirements for and procedures of
23 a direct petition method of annexing unincorporated territory, except
24 that: (a) The legislative body of the city or town from which the
25 territory would be taken must approve the annexation before it may
26 proceed; and (b) a decision by a city or town legislative body to
27 reject the annexation proposal, either before or after the
28 circulation of petitions, may be appealed to the legislative body of
29 the city or town rejecting the proposal within ninety days of the
30 issuance of a rejection decision.

31 (4) All annexations under this section are subject to potential
32 review by the local boundary review board or annexation review board.

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