
SENATE BILL 6181

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By Senators Conway and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to city incorporation; and amending RCW
2 35.02.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.02.020 and 1994 c 216 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 A petition for incorporation must be signed by registered voters
7 resident within the limits of the proposed city or town equal in
8 number to at least (~~ten~~) 10 percent of the number of voters
9 residing within the proposed city or town and filed with the auditor
10 of the county in which all, or the largest portion of, the proposed
11 city or town is located. Alternatively, the county legislative
12 authority of a county located west of the Cascade mountains with a
13 population of more than 900,000 but less than 2,000,000, by
14 ordinance, may file a petition for incorporation without gathering
15 resident signatures if the area is fully contained within the urban
16 growth boundary, and the population is over 25,000. The petition must
17 be filed with the auditor by no later than (~~one hundred eighty~~) 180
18 days after the date the public meeting on the proposed incorporation
19 was held under RCW 35.02.015, or the next regular business day

1 following the (~~one hundred eightieth~~) 180th day if the (~~one~~
2 ~~hundred eightieth~~) 180th day is not a regular business day.

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