
SENATE BILL 5049

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the reduction of city limits; amending RCW
2 35.16.010, 35.16.020, 35.16.030, 35.16.040, and 35.16.050; adding a new
3 section to chapter 35.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21
4 RCW; and repealing RCW 35A.16.001, 35A.16.010, 35A.16.020, 35A.16.030,
5 35A.16.040, 35A.16.050, 35A.16.060, and 35A.16.070.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.16.010 and 1965 c 7 s 35.16.010 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Upon the filing of a petition (~~((praying for an election to submit~~
10 ~~the question of excluding))~~ which is sufficient as determined by RCW
11 35A.01.040 requesting the exclusion from the boundaries of a city or
12 town of an area described by metes and bounds or by reference to a
13 recorded plat or government survey (~~((from the boundaries of a city or~~
14 ~~town))~~), signed by qualified voters (~~((thereof))~~) of the city or town
15 equal in number to not less than (~~((one-fifth))~~) ten percent of the
16 number of (~~((votes cast))~~) voters voting at the last general municipal
17 election, the city or town (~~((council))~~) legislative body shall (~~((cause~~
18 ~~to be submitted))~~) submit the question to the voters (~~((by a special~~
19 ~~election held for that purpose.~~ ~~Such special election shall not be~~

1 ~~held within ninety days next preceding any general election)).~~ As an
2 alternate method, the legislative body of the city or town may by
3 resolution submit a proposal to the voters for excluding such a
4 described area from the boundaries of the city or town. The question
5 shall be submitted at the next general municipal election if one is to
6 be held within one hundred eighty days or at a special election called
7 for that purpose not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred
8 eighty days after the certification of sufficiency of the petition or
9 the passage of the resolution. The petition or resolution shall set
10 out and describe the territory to be excluded from the ((corporation))
11 city or town, together with the boundaries of the ((said corporation))
12 city or town as it will exist after such change is made.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.16.020 and 1985 c 469 s 19 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 Notice of a ~~((special))~~ corporate limit reduction election shall be
16 published ~~((for))~~ at least ~~((four))~~ once each week for two consecutive
17 weeks prior to the election in the official newspaper of the city or
18 town. The notice shall distinctly state the proposition to be
19 submitted, shall designate specifically the area proposed to be
20 excluded and the boundaries of the city or town as they would be after
21 the proposed exclusion of territory therefrom ~~((and shall require the~~
22 voters to cast ballots which)). The ballots shall contain the words
23 "For reduction of ((corporate)) city limits" and "Against reduction of
24 ((corporate)) city limits" or words equivalent thereto. ~~((This notice~~
25 shall be in addition to the notice required by chapter 29.27 RCW.))

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.16.030 and 1965 c 7 s 35.16.030 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 ~~((On the Monday next succeeding a special corporate limit reduction~~
29 election, the canvassing authority shall proceed to canvass the returns
30 thereof and)) The election returns shall be canvassed as provided in
31 RCW 29.13.040. If three-fifths of the votes cast on the proposition
32 favor the reduction of the corporate limits, the ~~((council))~~
33 legislative body of the city or town, by an order entered on its
34 minutes, shall ~~((cause))~~ direct the clerk to make and transmit to the
35 office of the secretary of state a certified abstract of the vote. The
36 abstract shall show the ~~((whole))~~ total number of ~~((electors))~~ voters

1 voting, the number of votes cast for reduction and the number of votes
2 cast against reduction.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.16.040 and 1965 c 7 s 35.16.040 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (~~Immediately~~) Promptly after the filing of the abstract of votes
6 with the office of the secretary of state, the legislative body of the
7 city or town (~~council~~) shall adopt an ordinance defining and fixing
8 the corporate limits after excluding the area as determined by the
9 election. The ordinance shall also describe the excluded territory by
10 metes and bounds or by reference to a recorded plat or government
11 survey and declare it no longer a part of the city or town.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 35.16.050 and 1965 c 7 s 35.16.050 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (~~Immediately upon~~) A certified copy of the ordinance defining the
15 reduced city or town limits (~~going into effect, a certified copy~~
16 ~~thereof~~) together with a map showing the corporate limits as altered
17 shall be filed and recorded in the office of the county auditor of the
18 county in which the city or town is situated, (~~and thereupon the~~
19 ~~boundaries shall be as set forth therein~~) upon the effective date of
20 the ordinance. The new boundaries of the city or town shall take
21 effect immediately after they are filed and recorded with the county
22 auditor.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 35.16 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 In regard to franchises previously granted for operation of any
26 public service business or facility within the territory excluded from
27 a city or town by proceedings under this chapter, the rights,
28 obligations, and duties of the legislative body of the county or other
29 political subdivision having jurisdiction over such territory and of
30 the franchise holder shall be as provided in RCW 35.02.160, relating to
31 inclusion of territory by an incorporation.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 Any code city may reduce the corporate limits of the city in
35 accordance with the procedure provided in chapter 35.16 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
2 repealed:

- 3 (1) RCW 35A.16.001 and 1989 c 84 s 40;
- 4 (2) RCW 35A.16.010 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.010;
- 5 (3) RCW 35A.16.020 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.020;
- 6 (4) RCW 35A.16.030 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.030;
- 7 (5) RCW 35A.16.040 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.040;
- 8 (6) RCW 35A.16.050 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.050;
- 9 (7) RCW 35A.16.060 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.060; and
- 10 (8) RCW 35A.16.070 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.16.070.

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