
SENATE BILL 5780

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding new counties to a regional transit
2 authority; and amending RCW 81.112.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.050 and 2010 c 19 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) At the time of formation, the area to be included within the
7 boundary of the authority shall be that area set forth in the system
8 plan adopted by the joint regional policy committee. Prior to
9 submitting the system and financing plan to the voters, the authority
10 may make adjustments to the boundaries as deemed appropriate but must
11 assure that, to the extent possible, the boundaries: (a) Include the
12 largest-population urban growth area designated by each county under
13 chapter 36.70A RCW; and (b) follow election precinct boundaries. If a
14 portion of any city is determined to be within the service area, the
15 entire city must be included within the boundaries of the authority.
16 Subsequent to formation, when territory is annexed to a city located
17 within the boundaries of the authority, the territory is
18 simultaneously included within the boundaries of the authority and
19 subject to all taxes and other liabilities and obligations applicable
20 within the city with respect to the authority as provided in RCW

1 35.13.500 and 35A.14.475 and notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law.

3 (2)(a) After voters within the authority boundaries have approved
4 the system and financing plan, elections to add areas contiguous to
5 the authority boundaries may be called by resolution of the regional
6 transit authority, after consultation with affected transit agencies
7 and with the concurrence of the legislative authority of the city or
8 town if the area is incorporated, or with the concurrence of the
9 county legislative authority if the area is unincorporated. Only
10 those areas that would benefit from the services provided by the
11 authority may be included and services or projects proposed for the
12 area must be consistent with the regional transportation plan. The
13 election may include a single ballot proposition providing for
14 annexation to the authority boundaries and imposition of the taxes at
15 rates already imposed within the authority boundaries.

16 (b)(i) Elections to add counties or portions of counties west of
17 the crest of the Cascade mountains that are contiguous with counties
18 already within the authority boundaries may be called by resolution
19 of the regional transit authority, after consultation with affected
20 transit agencies and with the concurrence of the legislative
21 authority of the city or town if the area is incorporated, the
22 concurrence of the county legislative authority if the area is
23 unincorporated, or with the concurrence of each of the affected
24 legislative authorities if the area contains both incorporated and
25 unincorporated areas. Only those areas that would benefit from the
26 services provided by the authority may be included, and services or
27 projects proposed for the area must be consistent with the regional
28 transportation plan. The election may include a single ballot
29 proposition providing for annexation to the authority boundaries and
30 imposition of the taxes at rates already imposed within the authority
31 boundaries.

32 (ii) Any county or portion of a county added to the authority
33 pursuant to this subsection (2)(b) is considered a separate
34 transportation subarea for purposes of any transportation subarea
35 equity element utilized by the authority.

36 (3) Upon receipt of a resolution requesting exclusion from the
37 boundaries of the authority from a city whose municipal boundaries
38 cross the boundaries of an authority and thereby result in only a
39 portion of the city being subject to local option taxes imposed by
40 the authority under chapter((s)) 81.104 ((and 81.112)) RCW and this

1 chapter in order to implement a high capacity transit plan, and where
2 the vote to approve the city's incorporation occurred simultaneously
3 with an election approving the local option taxes, then upon a two-
4 thirds majority vote of the governing board of the authority, the
5 governing board shall redraw the boundaries of the authority to
6 exclude that portion of the city that is located within the
7 authority's boundaries, and the excluded area is no longer subject to
8 local option taxes imposed by the authority. This subsection expires
9 December 31, 1998.

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