

**RCW 57.24.180 Annexation of certain unincorporated territory—  
Opportunity to be heard—Effective date of annexation resolution—  
Notice—Referendum.** On the date set for hearing under RCW 57.24.170,  
residents or property owners of the area included in the resolution  
for annexation shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. The board  
of commissioners may provide by resolution for annexation of the  
territory described in the resolution, but the effective date of the  
resolution shall be not less than forty-five days after the passage  
thereof. The board of commissioners shall cause notice of the proposed  
effective date of the annexation, together with a description of the  
property to be annexed, to be published at least once each week for  
two weeks subsequent to passage of the resolution, in one or more  
newspapers of general circulation within the district and in one or  
more newspapers of general circulation within the area to be annexed.  
Upon the filing of a timely and sufficient referendum petition under  
RCW 57.24.190, a referendum election shall be held under RCW  
57.24.190, and the annexation shall be deemed approved by the voters  
unless a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in  
opposition thereto. After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from  
but excluding the date of passage of the annexation resolution, if no  
timely and sufficient referendum petition has been filed, under RCW  
57.24.190, the area annexed shall become a part of the district upon  
the date fixed in the resolution of annexation. [1996 c 230 s 909;  
1982 c 146 s 5.]

**Part headings not law—Effective date—1996 c 230:** See notes  
following RCW 57.02.001.