
Local Government & Housing Committee

HB 1291

Brief Description: Changing library district annexation provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Maxwell, Simpson, Green, Rodne, Clibborn, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Orwall, Lias, Hudgins, Johnson, Sullivan and Hunter.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amends statute regarding annexation of cities and towns into rural library districts by changing the maximum population from 100,000 to 300,000.
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Hearing Date: 1/29/09

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Background:

State law provides for the establishment, management, and operation of different categories of public libraries. In addition to public libraries established by cities, towns, and counties, state law authorizes the establishment of rural county library districts, island library districts, and intercounty rural library districts. The service areas of these special districts are as follows:

- a "*rural county library district*" provides library services to all areas within a county not included within incorporated cities and towns;
- an "*island library district*" provides library service for all areas outside of incorporated cities and towns on a single island only; and
- an "*intercounty rural library district*" provides library service for all areas outside of incorporated cities and towns within two or more counties.

In addition, state law allows cities and towns with populations of 100,000 or less at the time of annexation to become part of such library districts. They may do this by adopting an ordinance stating the intent to join the library district.

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Summary of Bill:

The act amends annexation procedures for rural county library districts, island library districts, and intercounty rural library districts. The maximum population of a city or town at the time of annexation is increased from 100,000 to 300,000.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.