

By Representative Santos

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By Committee on Education

1 On page 1, after line 4, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.315
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) If the affected school districts dismiss a proposed transfer
5 of territory initiated by a citizen petition under RCW 28A.315.199,
6 the petitioner may request that the school districts appoint a
7 mediator to attempt to reach agreement between the school districts
8 and the petitioner on the proposal. The appointment of a mediator
9 under this section must be approved by the school districts and the
10 petitioner. Upon appointment, the mediator has thirty days to work
11 with the school districts and the petitioner to attempt to reach an
12 agreement on the proposal.

13 (2) If the school districts do not appoint a mediator that is
14 approved by the districts and the petitioner within thirty days of the
15 request by the petitioner, or if the mediator was unable to bring the
16 districts and the petitioner to agreement, the petitioner may, in
17 accordance with RCW 28A.315.199(5) file a written request for a
18 hearing by a regional committee."

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20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
21 internal references accordingly.

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23 On page 2, line 37, after "may" insert ", in accordance with
24 section 1(2) of this act,"

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26 On page 2, beginning on line 39, after "committee." strike all
27 material through "section" on page 3, line 4 and insert "The request

1 for a hearing must be filed no later than sixty days after the
2 appointment of a mediator under section 1 of this act or, if no
3 mediator is appointed, within sixty days of the request by the
4 petitioner to appoint a mediator"

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6 On page 5, beginning on line 10, after "proposals" strike all
7 material through "RCW 28A.315.199" on line 11 and insert "that were
8 initiated by a citizen petition under RCW 28A.315.199 and were
9 dismissed by the affected school districts"

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11 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Allows a citizen petitioner whose petition for a proposed transfer of school district territory that was dismissed by the affected school districts to request that the districts appoint a mediator to attempt to reach agreement between the districts and the petitioner on the proposal.

(2) Allows a citizen petitioner to file a request for a hearing on a proposal with the applicable regional committee if the districts do not appoint a mediator that is approved by the districts and the petitioner, or if the mediator's attempts to reach agreement were unsuccessful.

(3) Establishes time limits for the filing of a request for a hearing with the applicable regional committee.

(4) Modifies the retroactivity provisions in the underlying bill to specify that the dismissed proposals referenced in the provisions are those dismissed by school districts.

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