

embracing other or different boundaries may be substituted therefor, by a majority of the signers thereof, at any time before such petition has been certified by the county auditor to the board of county commissioners, in which case the same proceedings shall be taken as in the case of an original petition.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 35.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Filing of petition for annexation with public body as bar to action on another.

After the filing of any petition for annexation with the board of county commissioners, or city or town council, and pending its final disposition as provided for in this chapter, no other petition for annexation which embraces any of the territory included therein shall be acted upon by the county auditor or the board of county commissioners, or by any city or town clerk, city or town council, or by any other public official or body that might otherwise be empowered to receive or act upon such a petition.

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CHAPTER 201.

[S. B. 371.]

MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and the issuance of motor vehicle license plates; and providing for special license plates for consuls and other official representatives of foreign government.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Special license plates for representatives of foreign governments.

SECTION 1. (1) Every consul or other official representative of any foreign government who is a citizen of the United States of America, duly licensed and holding an exequator issued by the department of state of the United States of America is entitled to

apply to the state director of licenses for, and upon satisfactory showing, to receive, in lieu of the regular motor vehicle license plates, such special plates of a distinguishing color and running in a separate numerical series, as the director shall prescribe. In addition to paying all other initial fees required by law there shall be collected from each applicant for such special license plates an additional license fee of twenty-five dollars upon the issue of such plates which fee shall not apply for those years in which tabs are issued. Application for renewal of such license plates must be made by January 10th of each renewal year and all such applications shall be accompanied by a notarized statement of such facts as the director shall deem necessary for issuance thereof.

Fee.

(2) Whenever such owner or lessee as provided in subsection (1) hereof transfers or assigns his interest or title in the motor vehicle to which the special plates were attached, such plates shall be removed from the motor vehicle, and if another vehicle is acquired, attached thereto, and the director shall be immediately notified of such transfer of plates; otherwise the removed plates shall be immediately forwarded to the director of licenses to be reissued upon payment of the regular license fee. Whenever such owner or lessee as provided in subsection (1) hereof shall for any reason be relieved of his duties as such consul or official representative of a foreign government he shall immediately forward the special plates to the director of licenses who shall upon receipt thereof provide such plates as are otherwise provided by law.

Transfer, relinquishment of plates, when.

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