

to be paid by each county is to be determined among the counties comprising each judicial district.

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CHAPTER 66

[House Bill No. 664]

CITIES AND TOWNS—ANNEXATION—TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

AN ACT Relating to the direct petition method of annexation; amending section 35.13.130, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 8, chapter 220, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 35.13.130; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 35.13.130, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 8, chapter 220, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 35.13.130 are each amended to read as follows:

A petition for annexation of an area contiguous to a city or town may be made in writing addressed to and filed with the legislative body of the municipality to which annexation is desired. Except where all the property sought to be annexed is property of a school district, and the school directors thereof file the petition for annexation as in RCW 28A.58.044 authorized, the petition must be signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent in value(;) according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned: PROVIDED, That in cities and towns with populations greater than one hundred sixty thousand located east of the Cascade mountains, the owner of tax exempt property may sign an annexation petition and have the tax exempt property annexed into the city or town, but the value of the tax exempt property shall not be used in calculating the sufficiency of the required property owner signatures unless only tax exempt property is proposed to be annexed into the city or town. The petition shall set forth a description of the property according to government legal subdivisions or legal plats which is in compliance with RCW 35.02.170, and shall be accompanied by a plat which outlines the boundaries of the property sought to be annexed. If the legislative body has required the assumption of all or of any portion of city or town indebtedness by the area annexed, and/or the adoption of a comprehensive plan for the area to be annexed, these facts, together with a quotation of the minute entry of such requirement or requirements shall be set forth in the petition.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or

the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 67

[Substitute House Bill No. 101]

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, OFFICE OF

AN ACT Relating to administrative law judges; amending section 2, chapter 234, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 237, Laws of 1967 and RCW 34.04.020; amending section 12, chapter 237, Laws of 1967 and RCW 34.04.022; amending section 73, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 as amended by section 3, chapter 265, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 42.17.240; amending section 14, chapter 218, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as last amended by section 7, chapter 326, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 9.46.140; amending section 15.36.580, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.36.580; amending section 8, chapter 256, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.65.080; amending section 12, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 3, chapter 39, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.26.120; amending section 15, chapter 57, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 243, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 18.52.150; amending section 3, chapter 98, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 2, chapter 90, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.64.005; amending section 23, chapter 222, Laws of 1951 and RCW 18.85.251; amending section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 2, chapter 44, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.030; amending section 14, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 11, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.180; amending section 13, chapter 222, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 19.09.265; amending section 12, chapter 57, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 46, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.19.120; amending section 4, chapter 91, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.12.330; amending section 36, chapter 121, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 61, chapter 136, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 46.20.329; amending section 3, chapter 75, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 77, Laws of 1977 and RCW 47.52.135; amending section 117, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 and RCW 50.32.010; amending section 27, chapter 62, Laws of 1933 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 66, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 66.24.010; amending section 69.50.505, chapter 308, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 69.50.505; amending section 6, chapter 127, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 133, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 71.02.413; amending section 74.08.070, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.070; amending section 80.01.060, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 80.01.060; amending section 13, chapter 18, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 12, chapter 337, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 88.16.100; adding a new chapter to Title 34 RCW; making an appropriation; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. A state office of administrative hearings is hereby created. The office shall be independent of state administrative