

CHAPTER 50.

[S. B. 39.]

TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TERRITORY.

AN ACT relating to the transfer of territory from one school district to another and amending section 4433 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4433 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

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Section 4433. For the purpose of transferring territory from one district to another or enlarging the boundaries of any school district, a petition in writing shall be presented to the county superintendent, signed by a majority of heads of families residing in the territory which it is proposed to transfer or include, or in case there be no family resident in such territory then by the board of directors in one of the districts affected by such proposed change, which petition shall describe the change which it is proposed to have made. It shall also state the reason for desiring said change, and the number of children of school age if any residing in the territory to be transferred. For such proposed transfer of territory the notices shall be posted and the hearing and appeal shall be the same as for the formation of a new district: *Provided*, That whenever any part of a school district of the third class in which no high school is maintained is bounded on three sides by a school district of the second class in which a high school is situated and maintained, the county superintendent of schools may without petition, transfer the territory of the school district of the third class so bounded to the school district of the second class in which said high school is situated and maintained: *Provided*, That the county superintendent of schools, shall hold a hearing upon the advisability of said transfer, and shall give notice of the time and place of said hearing to the parties interested, by causing notices to be posted at least twenty (20) days

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prior to the time appointed by him for said hearing, in at least three of the most public places in the territory proposed to be transferred, and one on the school house door of each district affected by the proposed change. On the day, and at the place fixed in the notice, he shall hold said hearing, and if he deem it advisable to make such transfer, he shall make an order establishing said transfer, and shall certify his action to the board of county commissioners at their next regular meeting. Upon making such transfer of territory the county superintendent of schools shall fix a time and place for adjusting the assets and liabilities of the school districts affected, and shall give notice thereof by posting said notice at least twenty days prior to the appointed time in not less than three of the most public places in the district from which the territory was transferred (at least one of which shall be in the territory transferred), and a like number in the district to which the territory is transferred. At the time and place fixed he shall hear the testimony offered by any interested party or district, and make an equitable adjustment of all property, debts and liabilities among the districts affected in the same manner and to the same effect as is provided in section 4434 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1915.

Passed the House February 24, 1915.

NOTE BY SECRETARY OF STATE.

The above act filed in the office of the secretary of state, March 9, 1915, and allowed to become a law without the approval of the Governor.

I. M. HOWELL,
Secretary of State.