

and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on the date upon which the 1969 education code becomes effective.

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CHAPTER 154
[Engrossed House Bill No. 437]
COUNTIES--TRANSFER OF TERRITORY
TO ADJOINING COUNTY

AN ACT Relating to counties; and the transfer of territory therein having less than fifty registered voters, and providing the procedure therefor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Whenever a majority of the registered voters residing within a part of any county desire that that portion of the territory in which they are registered voters shall be stricken from said county and annexed to an adjoining county, and such portion to be stricken contains not more than fifty such registered voters at the time of petition as hereinafter provided, they may petition therefor, and said territory may be stricken from the county of which it shall then be a part and added to and made a part of the county contiguous thereto as hereinafter in this 1969 act provided.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The petition shall describe with certainty the boundary and area of the territory to be stricken from one county and annexed to an adjoining county, with the reasons for making the change and shall be presented to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the territory is located, which board shall proceed to ascertain if the petition is signed by a majority of the registered voters of the territory sought to be stricken off and transferred to the contiguous county.

If the petition is signed by a majority of the registered voters of the territory sought to be stricken off and there will remain in the county from which it is to be taken more than four thousand inhabitants as required in Article XI, section 3 of the state Constitu-

tion, the board shall either approve or disapprove of the petition by majority vote. If the board disapproves the petition, it shall have no further effect and there will be no election. If the board approves the petition, then it shall make an order that a special election be held, within the limits of the territory described in the petition, on a date to be named in said order, which election shall be within ninety days from the date said petition is filed with said board.

Notice of election shall contain a description of the territory proposed to be transferred and the names of the counties from and to which the transfer is intended to be made and shall be published as required in RCW 29.27.080.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The election shall be conducted in all respects as any other special election, insofar as applicable, except that there shall be triplicate returns made, one to each of the respective county auditors and another to the office of the secretary of state. The ballots used at such election shall contain the words, "For transferring territory", or "Against transferring territory". The votes shall be canvassed, as by law required within twenty days. If three-fifths of the votes cast in the territory at such election are "For transferring territory", the proposition shall be submitted to the county commissioners, as representative of the constituents of the county to which the territory is to be annexed. If each member of the board of county commissioners of the county to which the territory is to be annexed agree to the annexation thereof, the territory described in the petition shall become a part of and be added to and made a part of the said county contiguous thereto, effective on the thirty-first of December following, at which time the governor shall issue his proclamation of the change of county line.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. All assessments and collection of taxes, and all judicial proceedings commenced prior to the governor's proclamation transferring territory to a contiguous county, shall be continued, prosecuted, and completed in the same manner as if no such

transfer has been made.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Every township, precinct, school and other district officers, if any, within the transferred territory shall continue to hold their respective offices within the county to which they may be transferred until their respective terms of office expire, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Every county thus enlarged shall assume and pay to the county from which the territory is stricken its proportion of the bonded and warranted indebtedness of the county from which such territory is taken, in the proportion that the assessed valuation of the transferred territory lying within the boundary of the county from which said territory is taken, bears to the assessed valuation of the whole county from which said territory is taken. The adjustment of such indebtedness shall be based on the assessment for the year in which said transfer of territory is made: PROVIDED, That in the accounting between the said counties, neither county shall be charged with any debt or liability incurred in the purchase of any county property or the purchase of any county building or structure which shall fall within or be retained by the other county. The payment provided in this section shall be made when and as taxes are collected upon property in the transferred territory by the county to which said territory is transferred.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The expense of the election provided for in section 2 of this 1969 act shall be paid by the petitioners requesting such transfer if the vote thereon is "Against transferring territory" but shall be paid by the county annexing the proposed territory if the vote is "For transferring territory."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. All records, documents and papers of record and on file in the office of the county clerk, county auditor, county assessor and any other officer of the county from which any territory is taken in any wise affecting the title or possession of real or other property in said territory shall be transcribed, and such transcript shall be certified by the proper officers without

charge and transmitted to the respective county officers of the county to which said territory is transferred. Such transcripts shall be made by such person or persons as may be employed by the county to which said territory is transferred and said transcripts shall be recorded or filed, as the case may be, by the officers of the county to which said territory is transferred, and shall be received as evidence in any court or place as though originally recorded and filed in the county in which said territory is transferred; said transcribing shall be done at the expense of the county to which said territory is transferred.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. For the purpose of representation in the state legislature and in the congress of the United States, until otherwise changed by law, any territory transferred from one county to another shall become a part of the legislative and congressional district of which the adjacent territory in the county to which it is annexed, is a part.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. If any territory so transferred is at the time of such transfer a part of any port district, public utility district, hospital district, or such other district funded in part upon the assessed valuation of property within said district, such territory shall remain a part of such district until otherwise changed by law, and the property within said territory shall be subject to the levy of taxes for such districts as though such transfer had not been made.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The authorization for annexation provided for in this amendatory act shall expire on January 1, 1971.

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CHAPTER 155
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DRIVERS' LICENSE PHOTOGRAPHS--
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS
FOR NONDRIVERS (IDENTICARD)

AN ACT Relating to identification of persons living within the state of Washington; amending section 51, chapter 145, Laws of 1967