

House Bill 2355

Sponsored by Representative MCLAIN (at the request of Washington County) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would let more than one parcel of land be included in an annexation petition that does not require an election. The Act would make it so that a public hearing is not needed for a petition signed by a majority of the electors who live on the land to be annexed. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.2).

Provides that more than one parcel of land may be included in a petition for annexation to a district that does not require an election. Provides that a petition that is signed by a majority of the electors residing on the land to be annexed does not require a public hearing.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to district annexations; amending ORS 198.857.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 198.857 is amended to read:

5 198.857. (1)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 198.750, 198.755, 198.760, 198.765, 198.775, 198.850 and
6 198.855, [*a parcel of land may be annexed to a district as provided in this section.*]

7 [(2) *When*] the owner of a parcel of land [*wants*] **seeking** to annex that land to a district[, *the*
8 *owner*] may file an annexation petition with the county board.

9 **(b) More than one parcel of land may be included in the petition if the petition relates**
10 **to a single district.**

11 **(2)(a)** The petition shall declare that the petition is filed pursuant to this section, state the name
12 of the affected district and all affected counties, indicate the principal Act of the affected district
13 and be signed by [*the owner of the parcel of land*] **all the owners of parcels of land seeking**
14 **annexation.**

15 **(b)** Before the petition is filed with the county board, the petition must be approved by in-
16 dorsement thereon by the board of the affected district and by any other agency also required by
17 the principal Act to indorse or approve the petition.

18 **(3)(a) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section,** if a petition filed under this sec-
19 tion meets the requirements of this section and is otherwise sufficient under the principal Act **of**
20 **the affected district,** the county board shall set a date for a public hearing on the petition.

21 **(b)** The hearing shall be held not sooner than 20 days [*nor*] **or** later than 50 days after the date
22 on which the petition is filed.

23 **(c)** Written notice of the hearing shall be mailed to the [*petitioner*] **petitioners** and to the board
24 of the affected district.

25 **(4)(a)** At the time stated in the notice described in subsection (3) of this section, the county
26 board shall hold a public hearing to consider the petition.

27 **(b)** When determining whether to approve the petition, the county board shall consider the local
28 comprehensive plan for the area and any service agreement executed between a local government

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1 and the affected district.

2 (c) If the petition is approved, the county board shall enter an order describing the boundaries
3 of the land and declaring the land annexed to the district.

4 (5) **A public hearing on the petition is not required if the petition is signed by a majority**
5 **of the electors residing on the land to be annexed.**

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