

**RCW 27.12.360**

**Annexation of city or town into rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library district — Initiation procedure.**

**\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2009 \*\*\* (SEE [1291-S.SL](#)) \*\*\***

Any city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation may become a part of any rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library district lying contiguous thereto by annexation in the following manner: The inclusion of such a city or town may be initiated by the adoption of an ordinance by the legislative authority thereof stating its intent to join the library district and finding that the public interest will be served thereby. Before adoption, the ordinance shall be submitted to the library board of the city or town for its review and recommendations. If no library board exists in the city or town, the state librarian shall be notified of the proposed ordinance. If the board of trustees of the library district concurs in the annexation, notification thereof shall be transmitted to the legislative authority or authorities of the counties in which the city or town is situated.

[1982 c 123 § 13; 1981 c 26 § 3; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 1.]

**RCW 27.12.370**

**Annexation of city or town into library district — Special election procedure.**

The county legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution call a special election to be held in such city or town at the next special election date according to RCW [29A.04.321](#), and shall cause notice of such election to be given as provided for in RCW [29A.52.351](#).

The election on the annexation of the city or town into the library district shall be conducted by the auditor of the county or counties in which the city or town is located in accordance with the general election laws of the state and the results thereof shall be canvassed by the canvassing board of the county or counties. No person shall be entitled to vote at such election unless he or she is registered to vote in said city or town for at least thirty days preceding the date of the election. The ballot proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

"Shall the city or town of . . . . . be annexed to  
and be a part of . . . . . library district?

YES . . . . .

NO . . . . .

If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition shall vote in favor thereof, the city or town shall thereupon be annexed and shall be a part of such library district.

[2006 c 344 § 19; 1982 c 123 § 14; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 2.]

**Notes:**

**Effective date -- 2006 c 344 §§ 1-16 and 18-40:** See note following RCW [29A.04.311](#).

**RCW 27.12.390**

**Annexation of city or town into library district — Tax levies.**

The annual tax levy authorized by RCW [27.12.050](#), [27.12.150](#), and [27.12.420](#) shall be imposed throughout the library district, including any city or town annexed thereto. Any city or town annexed to a rural library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library district shall be entitled to levy up to three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation less any regular levy made by such library district in the incorporated area, notwithstanding any other provision of law: PROVIDED, That the limitations upon regular property taxes imposed by chapter [84.55](#) RCW shall apply.

[1982 c 123 § 16; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 4.]

**RCW 27.12.395**

**Annexation of city or town into library district — Assumption of liabilities.**

(1) All liabilities of a city or town that is annexed to a rural county library district or intercounty rural library district, which liabilities were incurred for the purpose of or in the course of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, may, if provided for in the ordinance providing for annexation and in the resolution of the district consenting to annexation, pass to and be assumed by the rural county library district or intercounty rural library district. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the city or town has incurred any voted bonded indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, and if the indebtedness is outstanding at the time of the annexation, the voted bonded indebtedness shall not be assumed by the annexing district.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the annexed city or town has outstanding at the time of the annexation any voted bonded indebtedness incurred for the purpose of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, a special election may be called by the board of trustees of the rural county library district or intercounty rural library district, to be held at the next general or special election held in the applicable county or counties, for the purpose of affording the voters residing within the area of the district outside the annexed city or town an opportunity to assume the voted bonded indebtedness of the annexed city or town upon the assent of three-fifths of the voters.

[1985 c 392 § 1.]