

House Bill 2720

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires that, in election proposing annexation, votes from city and territory to be annexed be counted separately to determine separate majorities if territory to be annexed includes 100 acres or more. Requires that votes from city and territory to be annexed be combined to determine single majority if territory to be annexed includes less than 100 acres.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to annexation; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 222.750.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 222.750 is amended to read:

5 222.750. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Creek" means a natural course of water that is smaller than, and often tributary to, a river,
7 but is not shallow or intermittent.

8 (b) "River" means a large, continuous and natural stream of water that is fed along its course
9 by converging tributaries and empties into an ocean, lake or other body of water.

10 (2) When territory not within a city is surrounded by the corporate boundaries of the city, or
11 by the corporate boundaries of the city and the ocean shore, a river, a creek, a bay, a lake or
12 Interstate Highway 5, the city may annex the territory pursuant to this section after holding at least
13 one public hearing on the subject for which notice has been mailed to each record owner of real
14 property in the territory proposed to be annexed.

15 (3) This section does not apply when the territory not within a city:

16 (a) Is surrounded entirely by water; or

17 (b) Is surrounded as provided in subsection (2) of this section, but a portion of the corporate
18 boundaries of the city that consists only of a public right of way, other than Interstate Highway 5,
19 constitutes more than 25 percent of the perimeter of the territory.

20 (4) Unless otherwise required by its charter, annexation by a city under this section must be
21 by ordinance or resolution subject to referendum, with or without the consent of any owner of real
22 property within the territory or resident in the territory.

23 (5) For property that is zoned for, and in, residential use when annexation is initiated by the
24 city under this section, the city shall specify an effective date for the annexation that is at least
25 three years and not more than 10 years after the date the city proclaims the annexation approved.
26 The city recorder or other officer performing the duties of the city recorder shall:

27 (a) Cause notice of the delayed annexation to be recorded by the county clerk of the county in
28 which any part of the territory subject to delayed annexation is located within 60 days after the city
29 proclaims the annexation approved; and

30 (b) Notify the county clerk of each county in which any part of the territory subject to delayed

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1 annexation is located not sooner than 120 days and not later than 90 days before the annexation
2 takes effect.

3 (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, property that is subject to delayed annexation
4 becomes part of the city immediately upon transfer of ownership.

5 (7) This section does not limit provisions of a city charter, ordinance or resolution that are more
6 restrictive than the provisions of this section for creating or annexing territory that is surrounded
7 as described in subsection (2) of this section.

8 (8)(a) If a city charter, ordinance or resolution requires the city to conduct an election in the
9 city, the city shall allow electors, if any, in the territory proposed to be annexed to vote in the
10 election on the question of annexation.

11 **(b) If the territory proposed to be annexed:**

12 **(A) Includes 100 acres or more, the annexation is approved if the governing body of the**
13 **city finds that a majority of the votes cast in the city and a majority of the votes cast in the**
14 **territory favor annexation.**

15 **(B) Includes less than 100 acres, the annexation is approved** if the governing body of the
16 city finds that a majority of the votes cast in the city and the territory combined favor
17 annexation[.].

18 **(c) If the annexation is approved,** the governing body, by ordinance or resolution, shall pro-
19 claim the annexation approved[. *The proclamation shall contain*] **in a proclamation that contains**
20 a legal description of each territory annexed.

21 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 222.750 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to**
22 **elections under ORS 222.750 held on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**