

THE HOME RULE VILLAGE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 278 of 1909

78.7 Villages in more than 1 county; incorporation, consolidation or change in boundary; procedure.

Sec. 7. (1) If the territory to be affected by a proposed incorporation, consolidation, or change of boundaries is situated in more than 1 county, the petition under section 2 shall be addressed and presented to the secretary of state.

(2) The secretary of state shall examine the petition and the accompanying affidavits. If the secretary of state finds that the petition and accompanying affidavit or affidavits comply with the requirements of this act, the secretary of state shall certify the petition and accompanying affidavits and shall transmit the certificate and a certified copy of the petition and the accompanying affidavits to the clerk of each city, village, or township to be affected by the proposed incorporation, consolidation, or change of boundaries, together with a notice directing that the question of making the incorporation, consolidation, or change of boundaries petitioned for be submitted to the electors of the district to be affected. The notice shall provide that the ballot question shall be submitted at the next general election, or at a special election before the next general election, that is held 60 days or more after the date of transmittal of the certificate.

(3) If the secretary of state finds that the petition and the accompanying affidavits do not comply with the requirements of this act, he or she shall certify to that fact and shall return the petition and affidavits to the person from whom they were received, along with the certificate.

(4) Each city, village, and township clerk who receives from the secretary of state the copies and certificate provided for in subsection (2) shall give notice of the election to be held on the question of making the incorporation, consolidation, or change of boundaries petitioned for in the same manner as provided for in section 6.

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