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AN ACT to amend 66.945 (2); and to create 66.945 (2) (c) of the statutes, relating to territory which may be included in regional planning commissions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.945 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.945 (2) (a) A regional planning commission may be created by the governor, or such state agency or official as he ~~may designate~~ designates, upon petition in the form of a resolution by the governing body of a local governmental unit and the holding of a public hearing on such petition. If the petition ~~shall be~~ is joined in by the governing bodies of all the local units in the proposed region, including the county board of any county, part or all of which is in the proposed region, the governor may dispense with the hearing. Notice of any public hearing shall be given by the governor by mail at least 10 days in advance to the clerk of each local unit in the proposed region.

(b) If the governor finds that there is a need for a regional planning commission, and if the governing bodies of local units within the proposed region which include over 50 ~~per cent~~ % of the population and equalized assessed valuation of the region as determined by the last previous equalization of assessments, ~~shall~~ consent to the formation of such regional planning commission, the governor may create the regional planning commission by order and designate the area and boundaries of the commission's jurisdiction taking into account the elements of homogeneity based upon, but not limited to, such considerations as topographic and geographic conformations, extent of urban development, the existence of special or acute agricultural, forestry, conservation or other rural problems, uniformity of social or economic interests and values, park and recreational needs, civil defense, or the existence of physical, social and economic problems of a regional character.

SECTION 2. 66.945 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

66.945 (2) (c) Territory included within a regional planning commission that consists of one county or less in area also may be included in the creation of a multicounty regional planning commission. Such creation does not require that the existing regional planning commission consisting of one county or less in area be terminated or altered, but upon creation of the multicounty commission, the existing commission shall cease to have authority to make charges upon participating local governmental units pursuant to sub. (14) and shall adopt a name other than "regional planning commission".