

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to create section 60.72 of the statutes, relating to consolidation of adjoining townships by referendum vote of the electors of such townships.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 60.72 (1) (a) Any two or more adjoining townships in the same county may consolidate by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors voting upon such question in each of said townships in a referendum election to be conducted simultaneously in these townships as hereinafter provided.

(b) Such referendum election shall be initiated by identical petitions signed by the owners of two-thirds of the taxable property in each township. Such petition shall include one or more names for the proposed consolidated township from which the voters in such referendum election shall make a choice.

(2) (a) Such petitions shall be filed with the county judge of the county in which the respective townships are located.

(b) The county judge shall, and is hereby authorized to, providing the petition of the respective townships contain the required number of signatures, designate a day for holding a referendum election in the respective townships.

(c) Such elections shall be held on the day for the election of town officers and the voters shall be given not less than forty nor more than sixty days notice of such election.

(3) (a) In the referendum election the following question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the townships proposed to be consolidated:

1. Shall township and township be consolidated (entering in the blank spaces the names of the townships proposed to be consolidated)?

(b) If more than one name for the consolidated township is suggested in the petitions providing for the referendum, then there shall be also submitted to the qualified electors of these

townships one or both of the following questions as the case may be:

2. Shall the consolidated township be known as the township, as township, or as township (entering in the blank spaces the names suggested for the consolidated township)?

(c) Such questions shall be printed on a separate ballot and shall afford the electors an opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" on the first question and to determine the name of the consolidated township on the second question.

(d) Such election shall be conducted by the regular election clerks of such townships.

(4) (a) If two-thirds of the votes cast in such referendum election in each township on the question of consolidation shall be in the affirmative, such consolidation shall take effect on the fifteenth day following the next succeeding first Tuesday in April, except that in counties containing a population of not less than one hundred fifty thousand, the consolidation shall always take effect on such a date in the next succeeding even-numbered year.

(b) Thereafter such consolidated townships shall be known by the name for which the largest number of votes were cast in the referendum election.

(5) In the event that two-thirds of the votes cast upon the question of consolidation in each township shall be in the affirmative, the town boards of such townships shall meet in joint session, at the court house of the county, for the purpose of making necessary provisions for the consolidation of such townships. Such joint session shall be held on the fifth Tuesday following such election and shall begin at ten A. M. Subsequent and adjourned joint meetings of these boards may be held for such purpose at such time and place as they may determine.

(6) In the event of an affirmative vote upon consolidation in each such township, the qualified electors of such townships shall, in the manner provided by law, nominate and elect officers for the newly created township. Such caucus and election shall be conducted jointly in the town hall of the township having the largest population by the caucus and election officers of such townships and shall be canvassed at a joint meeting of the town canvassing boards of the townships, to be held in said town hall.

(7) In the event of an affirmative vote on consolidation in each such township, such townships shall cease to exist on the date

specified in subsection (4) and shall be replaced by a consolidated township embracing the territory of both such townships with the name as hereinbefore provided. On said date all books, documents, records, property, moneys, funds, obligations, assets and liabilities of said townships shall become the books, documents, records, property, moneys, funds, obligations, assets and liabilities of such new consolidated township. Any indebtedness of such townships outstanding on such date shall become the indebtedness of such consolidated township. All property, real or personal or mixed, of whatever character, belonging to either of such townships, shall become the property of the consolidated township.

(8) The consolidation of such townships shall not affect the present congressional, senatorial or assembly districts in such townships. Each such township shall continue as a part of the congressional, senatorial or assembly district in which it is now included until the boundaries of such districts are changed pursuant to law.

(9) The intent of this section is to enable the qualified electors of two adjoining townships to determine whether these townships shall be consolidated and all provisions hereof shall be construed to give effect to this purpose. In the event that two-thirds of the votes cast upon the question of consolidation in each of the two adjoining townships proposing to be consolidated shall be in the affirmative, the town boards of these townships acting jointly shall possess all powers necessary to give effect to such consolidation and it shall be the duties of officers of these townships to do everything within their power to carry out the expressed wish of the electors of these townships.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 398.

AN ACT to create section 29.605 of the statutes, relating to the giving of predatory animals on which bounty has been paid to public zoos.

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