

CHAPTER 588

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 60.303 (8); and to create 60.303 (9) of the statutes, relating to consolidations of and additions to town sanitary districts.

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

SECTION 1. 60.303 (8) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

60.303 (8) In the case of additions to any such district, the petition requesting such addition shall be signed by at least 60 per cent of the persons owning real estate or the owners of at least 60 per cent of the land within the limits of the territory proposed to be added to such district. All additions heretofore made to town sanitary districts under petitions as set forth in this subsection are hereby validated.

SECTION 2. 60.303 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

60.303 (9) (a) Any town sanitary district may be consolidated with a contiguous town sanitary district by resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of all the commissioners of each district, fixing the terms of the consolidation and ratified by the qualified electors of each district at a referendum held in each district. The ballots shall bear the words "for consolidation," and "against consolidation," and if a majority of the votes cast thereon in each town sanitary district shall be for consolidation, the resolutions shall then be in effect and shall have the force of a contract. Certified copies of the resolutions, and the results of the referendum shall be filed with the secretary of the state board of health, and similar copies shall be filed with the register of deeds in the county or counties in which the consolidated districts are situated. Consolidation shall not affect the pre-existing rights or liabilities of any town sanitary district and actions thereon may be commenced or completed as though no consolidation had been effected.

(b) Within 60 days after the date of a referendum effecting consolidation, the appropriate town board shall appoint or provide for an election for the purpose of selecting 3 town sanitary district commissioners for the district resulting from such consolidation, and the provisions of s. 60.305 (1) shall be applicable thereto.

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