

SECTION 3. This act shall go into effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 284.

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AN ACT to provide for annexing and excluding territory to and from cities, towns and villages, and to unite cities, towns and villages.

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

SECTION 1. Any incorporated city, village or town may be annexed to another incorporated city, village or town, by ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of all the aldermen or trustees elect of each corporation desiring annexation: *provided*, such annexation shall not affect or impair any rights or liabilities, either in favor of or against such corporations; and suits founded upon such rights and liabilities may be commenced, and pending suits may be prosecuted and carried to final judgment and execution the same as if such annexation had not taken place. In making such annexation, the corporations so uniting may, by ordinance, fix the terms of the annexation, which shall have the force and effect of a binding contract: *provided, however*, that no such ordinance shall be of any binding force or effect until submitted to a vote of the legal voters of such city, town or village, at a charter election thereof, and adopted by a majority of all the voters voting thereon at such election, notice of which shall be given at the same time and in the same manner as required for the election of the officers of such city, town or village; *and provided, also*, that the vote shall be by ballot, which shall be "for union ordinance," or "against union ordinance," and shall be received, canvassed and returned the same as ballots for municipal officers of such city, town or village: *provided*, that the number voting in favor of such proposition shall be equal to a majority of all the votes cast at the last preceding general election.

May annex or exclude territory by a two-thirds vote of the council.

Ordinance to be submitted to vote of people.

Form of ballot.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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