

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Senator Lasee:

The instructions from the Towns Association stated that the bill should require that, before any city or village annexation of town land could take effect, the annexation had to be approved in a referendum of all town electors and that the referendum must occur within 60 days of enactment of the city or village annexation ordinance. Under current law, however, many annexations may not occur unless they are approved in a referendum of the electors residing in the territory to be annexed. It seemed to me that it would be somewhat duplicative, and expensive, to hold two referenda so close together. Also, the 60-day requirement didn't seem to fit into the current statutory scheme of holding referenda, which seem to be held not less than 42 days nor more than 72 days after a certain triggering device. See, for example, ss. 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. and 66.0219 (4) (b). Consequently, I drafted the bill so that no annexation of town territory may take effect unless it is approved in a referendum of all town electors of the town from which the territory is proposed to be annexed. This method seems to meet the Towns Association's goals as well as being more simple by not requiring two referenda. Is this consistent with your intent?

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