

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Senator Lasee:

This bill is drafted according to your instructions in that it requires an annexation to follow one or more of the following:

1. A natural boundary.
2. The center line of a highway.
3. A surveyor's section line that is no lower than a quarter-quarter section line.

Although the term "quarter-quarter section" appears in the statutes, I'm not sure if the phrase suggested in the instructions, "A surveyor's section line that is *no lower* than a quarter-quarter section line" is workable. You may wish to consult a land surveyor to determine whether this phrase is accurate.

Also, is my reading of the instructions correct in that you want the limitations in created s. 66.0221 (3) (b) to apply as drafted? Section 66.0221 applies to town islands which were town islands on December 2, 1973. I'm wondering whether the conditions specified in s. 66.0221 (3) (b) may be difficult to apply to these town islands, which might make annexation impossible. Likewise, it may be difficult to apply these conditions to territory owned by a city or village that lies near but not necessarily contiguous to a city or village, as required by created s. 66.0223 (2) (b). Please let me know if I've misinterpreted your intent.

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