AN ACT to amend 66.0217 (2) of the statutes; relating to: limiting a city’s and village’s use of direct annexation and authorizing limited town challenges to an annexation.

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

SECTION 1. 66.0217 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0217 (2) DIRECT ANNEXATION BY UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. Except as provided in this subsection and sub. (14), and subject to ss. 66.0301 (6) (d) and 66.0307 (7), if a petition for direct annexation signed by all of the electors residing in the territory and the owners of all of the real property in the territory is filed with the city or village clerk, and with the town clerk of the town or towns in which the territory is located, together with a scale map and a legal description of the property to be annexed, an annexation ordinance for the annexation of the territory may be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of the governing body of the city or village without compliance with the notice requirements of sub. (4). In an annexation under this subsection, subject to sub. (6), the person filing the petition with the city or village clerk and the town clerk shall, within 5 days of the filing, mail a copy of the scale map and a legal description of the territory to be annexed to the department and the governing body shall review the advice of the department, if any, before enacting the annexation ordinance. No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this subsection unless the territory to be annexed is contiguous to the annexing city or village.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to any annexation that commences on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007−08 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].