

ASSEMBLY BILL 181 (LRB -1797)

An Act to repeal 66.0217 (11) (c); and to amend 66.0307 (4m) (c) 2. (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing towns to challenge certain city or village annexation procedures. (FE)

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06-13.	A.	Introduced by Representatives A. Ott, Bernier, Bies, Brooks, Craig, Kerkman, Kestell, LeMahieu, Murtha, Petersen, Pridemore, Spanbauer, Tauchen and Vruwink ; cosponsored by Senators Lasee, Holperin, Kedzie and Moulton .	
06-13.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs	376
06-22.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
07-07.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
08-10.	A.	Public hearing held.	
10-25.	A.	Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative A. Ott (LRB s0196)	600
10-25.	A.	Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative A. Ott (LRB a1676)	600
11-03.	A.	Executive action taken.	
11-07.	A.	Report Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption recommended by committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs, Ayes 14, Noes 0	675
11-07.	A.	Report Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption recommended by committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs, Ayes 14, Noes 0	675
11-07.	A.	Report passage as amended recommended by committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs, Ayes 14, Noes 0	675
11-07.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	675

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02-14.	A.	Placed on calendar 2-16-2012 by committee on Rules.	
02-16.	A.	Read a second time	805
02-16.	A.	Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 adopted	805
02-16.	A.	Assembly substitute amendment 1 adopted	805
02-16.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	805
02-16.	A.	Rules suspended	805
02-16.	A.	Read a third time and passed	806
02-16.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	806
02-17.	S.	Received from Assembly	717
02-17.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Senate Organization	717
02-17.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
02-20.	S.	Public hearing requirement waived by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 18 (1m), Ayes 3, Noes 2	720
02-20.	S.	Placed on calendar 2-21-2012 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1)	720
02-21.	S.	Read a second time	3
02-21.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	3
02-21.	S.	Rules suspended	3
02-21.	S.	Read a third time and concurred in	3
02-21.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	0
02-21.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in.	

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ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:

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Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"): AA1 — a 1676/1

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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 181

October 25, 2011 – Offered by Representative A. OTT.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 66.0217 (14) (b) 2.; *to consolidate, renumber and amend*
2 66.0217 (14) (b) (intro.) and 1.; *to amend* 66.0217 (11) (c); and *to create* 66.0217
3 (6) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** Department of Administration review of
4 annexations of town territory, county board approval of certain annexations,
5 and authorizing towns to challenge certain city or village annexations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally, under current law, a city or village may annex contiguous town territory if the city or village agrees to make limited payments to the town based on property taxes the town levied on the annexed territory. However, current law prohibits a city or village from annexing town land located in a county in which no part of the city or village is located unless both the town and county boards approve the cross-county annexation. Under this substitute amendment, county board approval is no longer needed.

Under current law, one method of annexation is direct annexation by unanimous approval. If a petition for direct annexation by unanimous approval 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 all of the involved towns, along with a scale map and a legal description of the

property to be annexed, the governing body of the city or village may, generally, annex the property by a two-thirds vote of the body. Such an annexation, however, is subject to Department of Administration (DOA) advisory review as if the annexation petition were for direct, but not unanimous, annexation or annexation by referendum. In addition, such an annexation is limited to town land that is contiguous to the annexing city or village.

Under current law, a town may not challenge in court, on any grounds, any direct annexation by unanimous approval as well as several other types of annexations.

Under this substitute amendment, the town affected by an annexation may ask DOA to review the proposed annexation, within 30 days of the ordinance's enactment, to determine whether it violates the current law requirements related to contiguity or the prohibition against cross-county annexation. DOA must complete its review within 20 days of receiving the town's request.

The substitute amendment requires DOA to send a copy of its findings to any affected landowner, the annexing city or village, and the affected town. If DOA finds that the annexation violates either of the requirements, the affected town may challenge the annexation in circuit court within 45 days of receiving DOA's findings. Under the substitute amendment, the losing party in the court action must pay the court costs and the prevailing party's reasonable attorney fees.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 66.0217 (6) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

2 66.0217 **(6)** (d) *Direct annexation by unanimous approval.* 1. Upon the request
3 of the town affected by the annexation, the department shall review an annexation
4 under sub. (2) to determine whether the annexation violates any of the following,
5 provided that the town submits its request to the department within 30 days of the
6 enactment of the annexation ordinance:

7 a. The requirement under sub. (2) regarding the contiguity of the territory to
8 be annexed with the annexing city or village.

9 b. The requirement under sub. (14) (b).

10 2. Following its review, and within 20 days of receiving the town's request, the
11 department shall send a copy of its findings to any affected landowner, the town

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1 affected by the annexation, and the annexing city or village. If the department finds
2 that an annexation violates any requirement specified in subd. 1., the town from
3 which territory is annexed may, within 45 days of its receipt of the department's
4 findings, challenge the annexation in circuit court.

5 3. If the town commences an action to challenge the annexation and the circuit
6 court rules against the town, the town shall pay the court costs and the city's or
7 village's reasonable attorney fees incurred in defending the annexation. If the town
8 commences an action to challenge the annexation and the circuit court rules in the
9 town's favor and upholds the town's challenge, the city or village shall pay the court
10 costs and the town's reasonable attorney fees incurred in challenging the
11 annexation.

12 **SECTION 2.** 66.0217 (11) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 66.0217 (11) (c) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (6) (d) 2., no action on any
14 grounds, whether procedural or jurisdictional, to contest the validity of an
15 annexation under sub. (2), may be brought by any town.

16 **SECTION 3.** 66.0217 (14) (b) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated,
17 renumbered 66.0217 (14) (b) and amended to read:

18 66.0217 (14) (b) No territory may be annexed by a city or village under this
19 section if no part of the city or village is located in the same county as the territory
20 that is subject to the proposed annexation unless ~~all of the following occur:~~ 1. ~~The~~
21 the town board adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation.

22 **SECTION 4.** 66.0217 (14) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**



ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 181

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1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 1. Page 3, line 1: after "village." insert "If the department does not complete
3 its review and send a copy of its findings within 20 days of receiving the town's
4 request, the effect on the town and the annexing city or village shall be the same as
5 if the department found no violation of the requirements specified in subd. 1".

6 (END)