

1973 Assembly Bill 191

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AN ACT to amend 4.004 (2); and to create 4.004 (3) and 5.40 (3) of the statutes, relating to the effect of certain municipal annexations on legislative districts.

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

SECTION 1. 4.004 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4.004 (2) The boundaries of legislative districts established by a legislative redistricting act are not altered by any change in the county boundaries under ch. 2, by the creation of any town, village, city or ward, or, except as provided under sub. (3), by any municipal annexation or consolidation which occurs after the effective date of the redistricting act.

SECTION 2: 4.004 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

4.004 (3) Any noncontiguous part of a town (town island) in existence before May 9, 1972, and annexed by the surrounding city or village on or after May 9, 1972, shall become a part of the assembly district to which the surrounding city or village territory belongs. If such island territory was situated on the boundary between 2 or more assembly districts, it shall become a part of the adjacent assembly district having the lowest population according to the federal census upon which the redistricting act is based.

SECTION 3. 5.40 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

5.40 (3) Notwithstanding sub. (1), the use of voting machines shall be optional with the municipality for any territory of low population annexed to a city or village across the boundary of a legislative district, but shall again be mandatory as soon as the best evidence suggests that the population residing in the territory so annexed exceeds the minimum population for a ward as specified under s. 5.15 (2).
