

1973 Senate Bill 9

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AN ACT to create 66.021 (15) of the statutes, relating to annexation of town islands.

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

66.021 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

66.021 (15) ANNEXATION OF TOWN ISLANDS. Upon its own motion, a city or village by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of its governing body may enact an ordinance annexing territory which comprises a portion of a town or towns and which was completely surrounded by territory of the city or village upon the effective date of this subsection (1973). The ordinance shall include all surrounded town areas except those exempt by mutual agreement of all of the governing bodies involved. The annexation ordinance shall contain a description of the territory sufficiently accurate to determine its location, and the name of the town or towns from which such territory is detached. Upon enactment of the ordinance, the city or village clerk immediately shall file 5 certified copies of the ordinance in the office of the secretary of state, together with 5 copies of a scale map showing the boundaries of the territory annexed. The secretary of state shall forward 2 copies of the ordinance and scale map to the department of transportation, one copy to the department of revenue and one copy to the director of the planning function in the department of local affairs and development. This subsection does not apply if the town island was created only by the annexation of a railroad right-of-way or drainage ditch. This subsection shall not apply to land owned by a town government which has existing town government

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buildings located thereon. No town island may be annexed under this subsection if the island consists of over 65 acres or contains over 100 residents. After the effective date of this subsection (1973), no city or village may, by annexation, create a town area which is completely surrounded by said city or village.

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