

AN ACT *to amend* 66.0217 (6) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**

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

SECTION 1. 66.0217 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0217 (6) (a) *Annexations within populous counties.* No annexation proceeding within a county having a population of 50,000 or more is valid unless the person publishing a notice of annexation under sub. (4) mails a copy of the notice to the clerk of each municipality affected and the department, together with any fee imposed under s. 16.53 (14), within 5 days of the publication. The department shall within 20 days after receipt of the notice mail to the clerk of the town within which the territory lies and to the clerk of the proposed annexing village or city a notice that states whether in its opinion the annexation is in the public interest or is against the public interest and that advises the clerks of the reasons the annexation is in or against the public interest as defined in par. (c). The annexing municipality shall review the advice before final action is taken.

(END)