

1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 66.0217 (6) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** department of  
2       administration advisory review of certain annexations.

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

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

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

**NOTE:** Extends the department of administration (DOA) advisory review of annexations under s. 66.0217, stats., to include counties with a population of under 50,000. The current 50,000 population threshold limits the DOA advisory review to 27 counties. The DOA advisory review consists of a statutorily prescribed public interest determination, based: (1) on whether the governmental services to be supplied to the territory to be annexed could clearly be better supplied by the town or by another city or village; and (2) on the shape of the proposed annexation and the homogeneity of the territory with the annexing village or city and any other contiguous village or city. The advisory review also consists of a less formal “technical review” of proposed annexations by DOA staff, including accuracy of legal descriptions and maps.