

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (annexation by petition and election) authorizes owners of property lying contiguous and adjacent to the territorial corporate limits of any municipality, except New Orleans, to petition the mayor and governing authority of the municipality to annex their property into the municipality. Requires that the petition contain one-third in number and value of the bona fide owners of the property and that a majority in number and value of the qualified electors residing in and upon the property vote in favor of annexation at an election held for that purpose. Existing law additionally requires the approval of the qualified electors residing within the municipality.

Existing law (annexation by petition and ordinance) authorizes the governing authorities of incorporated municipalities to enlarge or contract the municipal boundaries by ordinance if petitioned by the majority of registered voters and a majority in number of the resident property owners as well as 25% in value of the resident property owners. If no registered voters reside in the area, the registered voter requirement is not applicable.

Existing law requires the municipal governing authority to furnish the registrar of voters a copy of all municipal ordinances annexing territory as well as a map and written description of all newly annexed territory.

New law additionally requires that a copy of all ordinances as well as maps and written descriptions be furnished to the secretary of state. Further requires that copies be sent, by electronic medium, within 15 days of the adoption of the ordinances. Requires the municipal governing authority, if it cannot furnish the information by electronic medium, to furnish it by certified mail or commercial courier. New law, relative to annexation by petition and ordinance, additionally requires the municipal governing authority to furnish a map and written description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2016).

(Amends R.S. 33:160(B) and 171(A); Adds R.S. 33:160(C), 171(D), and 178(C) and (D))