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Conditions for Village Incorporation

POPULATION REQUIREMENTS:

The territory proposed for incorporation must contain not less than 150 inhabitants and have an average of not less than 100 inhabitants per square mile. (78.3)

DETERMING POPULATION OF AFFECTED TERRITORY:

Population is determined by the last preceding U.S. census. (78.2)

No census of the territory affected by any proposed incorporation as provided in section 2 of Act 278 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, shall be taken unless specifically ordered by the commission. (Sec. 7, 191)

PETITIONS:

Petitions must be signed by 1% (in no case less than 100) of the qualified electors residing in the affected territory. (78.2)

If any of the area proposed to be incorporated has been subdivided and a plat recorded, then: (78.2)

- (1) The petition must be signed by 1% of the population of each recorded subdivision, and
- (2) It must be signed by 1% of the population of each unsubdivided portion of the proposed area.
- (3) The population is to be determined as of the date on which the first signature to the petition is obtained.

SUMMER RESORT ASSOCIATION:

A summer resort association can be incorporated as a village when: (78.2)

- (1) It has been incorporated and existed for 2 consecutive years under Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1897, as amended, and
- (2) It has not less than 30 legal voters residing within its territory.

Note – In the following procedures unless otherwise noted, the annotations refer to the Home Rule Village Act.

Example 1 - (78.3) refers to Section 3 of the Home Rule Village Act, which is Public Act No. 278 of 1909, as amended.

Example 2 - (Sec. 7, 191) refers to section 7 of the Boundary Commission Act, which is Public Act No. 191, of 1968, as amended.