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## STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

### Signature Distribution Requirements for the Proposed Incorporation of a New Home Rule Village

#### Part IV.

- A. Each petition signature page must be limited to residents of one township. Separate forms must be used for signers in different governmental units.
- B. Signers are only required to be qualified electors, not freeholders.
- C. The territory proposed for incorporation must contain at least 150 inhabitants, as of the last preceding U.S. census.\*
- D. The territory proposed for incorporation must have an average population density of at least 100 inhabitants per square mile.

In order to determine that the average population density of the proposed village is at least 100 inhabitants per square mile, the Commission will collect information about the total population of the territory and divide that figure by the square miles in the proposed village. Information from the assessor records about lot ownership and occupancy may be helpful. U.S. census data about block populations may be consulted. Additional information about the average size of households will be sought.

- E. A special census of this territory may be required.\*
- F. The petition must be signed by 1% of the population of each recorded subdivision in the proposed village, as of the date of the first petition signature.

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\* No census of the territory proposed for incorporation shall be taken unless specifically ordered by the State Boundary Commission.

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- G. The petition must be signed by 1% of the population of the unsubdivided portion of the proposed village, as of the date of the first signature.
- H. Multiple phase development, whether subdivisions recorded under Act 268 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, the Subdivision Control Act, or condominium subdivisions recorded under Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, the Condominium Act, shall be considered a single subdivision's population.

As the Commission determines whether a petition has been signed by at least 1% of the total population of each subdivision (Part IV, #6), the Commission will be guided by Section 132 of act 268 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, MCL 560.132(d) and MCL 560.132(e), and by Section 66 of Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, MCL 559.166(3).

1. Recorded plats shall be considered a single subdivision composed of an initial recording with subsequent additions when all of the following conditions are met:
  - A. All the recorded plats are in the same county.
  - B. All the recorded plats have the same name.
  - C. The first subdivision bearing the name is designated as number 1 or is not numbered.
  - D. Each subsequent addition bearing the same name is numbered consecutively, beginning with 2.
  - E. The lots are numbered consecutively beginning with 1 in the earliest subdivision and continuing in consecutive order throughout subsequent additions with the same name.
2. Each condominium subdivision, recorded with the county register of deeds and designated with a condominium subdivision plan number shall be considered a subdivision subject to the 1% signature requirements for requesting incorporating a Home Rule Village.