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## REVISE ANNEXATION PETITION PROCEDURES

**House Bill 4685**

**Sponsor: Rep. Ken Bradstreet**

**Committee: Local Government and  
Urban Policy**

**Complete to 6-1-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4685 AS INTRODUCED 5-18-99**

House Bill 4685 would amend the General Law Village Act of 1895 to update its language, and to change the procedures that a village must use in order to annex territory. Generally, the bill would require voter approval for boundary changes. Currently, boundary changes are made by the county board of supervisors (more commonly called commissioners), upon receiving a petition from a village signed by the village president and clerk, and following notice and a public hearing.

Under the bill, a village would be prohibited from proceeding to annex territory from any other village or a city, township, or charter township if those jurisdictions had a population of 3,000 or more (as shown by the last federal decennial census or any special federal or state census held thereafter), or had a state equalized valuation (SEV) of \$25,000,000 or more, unless the question of the annexation had been voted upon by the voters in the territory proposed for annexation, and also by the balance of each city, village, township, or charter township affected by the annexation, all voting independently. The annexation would be considered defeated if a majority of the electors voting on the issue in any of the jurisdictions were to vote against it. Otherwise, the annexation would be considered approved and effective when the county board of commissioners entered its written order determining whether to grant all or part of the boundary change petitioned for by the village.

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