WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §7A-7-8

§7A-7-8. Subsequent joining of municipality, county or metro government to metro government.

(a) After a metro government has been in existence for at least one year, a municipality, county or metro government may request to join the metro government by submitting:

(1) A petition signed by at least fifteen percent of the qualified voters in the municipality, county or metro government; or

(2) A resolution by the governing body of the municipality, county or metro government.

(b) Within thirty days of receipt of the petition or resolution, the governing body of the metro government shall vote to accept or reject the municipality, county or metro government requesting to join.

(c) If the governing body of the metro government votes to accept the municipality, county or metro government, then the municipality, county or metro government shall hold an election on consolidation at the next primary or general election. The election shall be held in accordance with applicable election laws and section two of this article.

(d) The ballots for the election on consolidation shall be as follows:

[ ] For the (name of metro government)

[ ] Against the (name of metro government)

(e) If at least fifty-five percent of the legal votes cast by the qualified voters of the municipality, county or metro government approve consolidation, then consolidation becomes effective pursuant to the charter.

(f) If consolidation is not approved by at least fifty-five percent of the legal votes cast by the qualified voters of the municipality, county or metro government, then the consolidation is defeated and cannot be voted upon for one year.

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