

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §8-2-6

## **§8-2-6. Same -- Qualified electors; form of ballot or ballot label; election officials; certification; canvass; declaration of results; recount.**

Class I, II, or III city

(a) On the date named in the notice for the taking of the vote, each qualified elector of the territory sought to be incorporated as a Class I, II, or III city, may cast his or her vote for or against such incorporation at the precinct in which he or she resides, by depositing a ballot in a ballot box, or by use of a voting machine, to be provided by the county commission for that purpose. Each ballot, or ballot label where voting machines are used, shall be without party designation and shall have written or printed thereon the following words:

G For Incorporation

G Against Incorporation

The ballot or ballot label shall be a separate, special ballot or ballot label.

(b) The election shall be held and conducted under the supervision of the commissioners and clerks of election appointed by the county commission and shall be conducted as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws of this state governing general elections. The results of the election shall be certified as in general elections, and the returns shall be canvassed and the results declared by the county commission. If any commissioner or clerk designated to serve in the election shall fail or refuse to serve, the vacancy may be filled in like manner as vacancies in the positions are filled in general elections under the laws of this state governing general elections. A recount may be had, as in general elections, upon the party or parties desiring a recount providing adequate assurance to the county commission that the party or parties will pay all costs of the recount.

Class IV town or village

(c) Each qualified elector of the territory sought to be incorporated as a Class IV town or village may cast his or her vote for or against the incorporation at the precinct in which he or she resides, by depositing a ballot in a ballot box or by use of a voting machine to be provided by the county commission for that purpose, on the date named in the notice for the taking of the vote. Each ballot, or ballot label where voting machines are used, shall be without party designation and shall have written or printed thereon the following words:

G For Incorporation

G Against Incorporation

The form of governance:

G Plan I -- "Mayor-Council Plan"

G Plan II -- "Strong-Mayor Plan"

G Plan III -- "Manager Plan"

G Plan IV -- "Manager-Mayor Plan"

The ballot or ballot label shall be a separate, special ballot or ballot label.

(d) The election shall be held and conducted under the supervision of the commissioners and clerks of election appointed by the county commission and shall be conducted as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws of this state governing general elections. The results of the election shall be certified as in general elections, and the returns shall be canvassed and the results declared by the county commission. If any commissioner or clerk designated to serve in the election fails or refuses to serve, the vacancy may be filled in like manner as vacancies in such positions are filled in general elections under the laws of this state governing general elections. A recount may be had, as in general elections, upon the party or parties desiring the recount providing adequate assurance to the county commission that the party or parties will pay all costs of the recount.