

Senate Committee on Elections and Urban Affairs Senate Bill 207 Testimony June 6, 2013

Thank you for a public hearing about Senate Bill 207 (SB 207). Under current law a circuit court determines whether certain statutory standards are met for a territory to incorporate. Upon the courts determination that certain statutory standards are met, the next step is for the Incorporation Review Board to determine whether other statutory standards are met.

If the Incorporation Review Board dismisses the petition, the court must dismiss the petition. If the Incorporation Review Board grants approval, the court must order a referendum. If the majority votes in favor of incorporation, the state must issue a certificate of incorporation.

SB 207 requires an incorporation of portions of two towns must include a resolution by each town board approving the incorporation. The resolutions must be provided during the circuit court review. If each town board provides a resolution approving the incorporation, the circuit court will still be required to determine whether certain statutory standards under current law are met. The Incorporation Review Board will still be required to determine whether certain other statutory standards are met.

Thank you for your attention to SB 207. Please advise me of questions or concerns.