

**357A.14 Attaching to district — inclusion of city — merger.**

1. An owner of real property outside a district which can be economically served by the facilities of the district, or thirty percent of the owners of all real property lying within the outside perimeter of a proposed addition, may petition to be attached to the district. The petition shall be filed with the auditor, and the auditor and supervisors shall notify the district that a petition has been received and proceed in a manner set forth in sections 357A.3 through 357A.6.

2. All or any part of an incorporated city may be included in the boundaries of any existing water district or water district being newly organized, provided the governing body of such city by resolution or ordinance gives, or has given, its consent.

3. Boards of any two or more districts may by concurrent action and by approval of the supervisors merge their districts into one. In case of merger the members of the boards of the merged districts may serve out the terms for which they were elected. The resulting district shall take over all the assets and legal liabilities of the water districts joining in the merger. Obligations of any district secured by the revenue of the systems operated by the district shall continue to be retired, or a sinking fund for such purpose created from revenue from the system operated over the same area by the resulting district in accordance with the laws under which the obligations were issued, until all obligations of the old district have been retired.

4. If there is a conflict between two or more districts concerning which district will serve an area, the supervisors of the county in which the disputed area is located shall, after a public hearing, determine which district can more adequately and economically provide service within the area.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §357A.14]

91 Acts, ch 134, §12, 13; 93 Acts, ch 84, §2; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §109; 96 Acts, ch 1031, §1