

**331.254 Charter of consolidation.**

1. When multicounty consolidation is recommended, the consolidation charter shall provide for all of the following:

a. Adjustment of existing bonded indebtedness and other obligations in a manner which assures a fair and equitable burden of taxation for debt service.

b. Establishment of subordinate service districts.

c. The transfer or other disposition of property and other rights, claims, assets, and franchises of the counties consolidated under the charter.

d. The official name of the consolidated county.

e. The transfer, reorganization, abolition, absorption, and adjustment of boundaries of existing boards, subordinate service districts, local improvement districts, and agencies of the consolidated counties.

f. The merger of the elective offices of each consolidating county with the election of new officers within sixty days after the effective date of the charter. The elections shall be conducted by the county commissioner of elections of each county. No primary election shall be held. Nominations shall be made pursuant to section 43.78 and chapters 44 and 45, as applicable, except that the filing deadline shall be forty days before the election.

g. The merger of the appointive offices of each consolidating county.

2. The consolidation charter may include other provisions that are not inconsistent with state law.

88 Acts, ch 1229, §26; 91 Acts, ch 256, §28, 29; 94 Acts, ch 1180, §47; 2004 Acts, ch 1066, §22, 23, 31; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180