

**357I.2 Petition for public hearing.**

1. The board shall, on the petition of twenty-five percent of the resident property owners in a proposed district if the assessed valuation of the property owned by the petitioners represents at least twenty-five percent of the total assessed value of the proposed district, hold a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed district. The petition shall include a statement containing the following information:

- a. The need for secondary road services.
- b. The district to be served.
- c. The approximate number of families in the district.
- d. A general description of the secondary road services to be provided in the district by the county.

2. The board may require a bond of the petitioners conditioned for the payment of all costs and expenses incurred in the proceedings in case the district is not established.

3. If part or all of the proposed district lies within two miles of the boundaries of a city, the board shall send a copy of the petition to each such city before scheduling the public hearing on the petition. A city that receives a copy of the petition may require that any road or street improvements and associated drainage improvements constructed within the district after establishment of the district be constructed in compliance with requirements for such improvements then in effect within the city. The city shall notify the board of the city's response to the petition within thirty days of receiving the petition. If the city wants requirements for road or street improvements and associated drainage improvements then in effect within the city to apply within the district, the requirements shall be included in the resolution of the board establishing the district and shall be incorporated into the plans and specifications for the improvements prepared by the district engineer or county engineer. The plans and specifications shall be subject to approval by the board and by the city council of each affected city, which approval must occur before commencement of construction. If costs for construction of improvements according to a city's standards exceed the costs for such construction according to county standards, the petitioners shall pay the difference in the costs.

[2008 Acts, ch 1124, §22](#); [2011 Acts, ch 34, §88](#)

Referred to in [§357I.4](#), [357I.10](#)