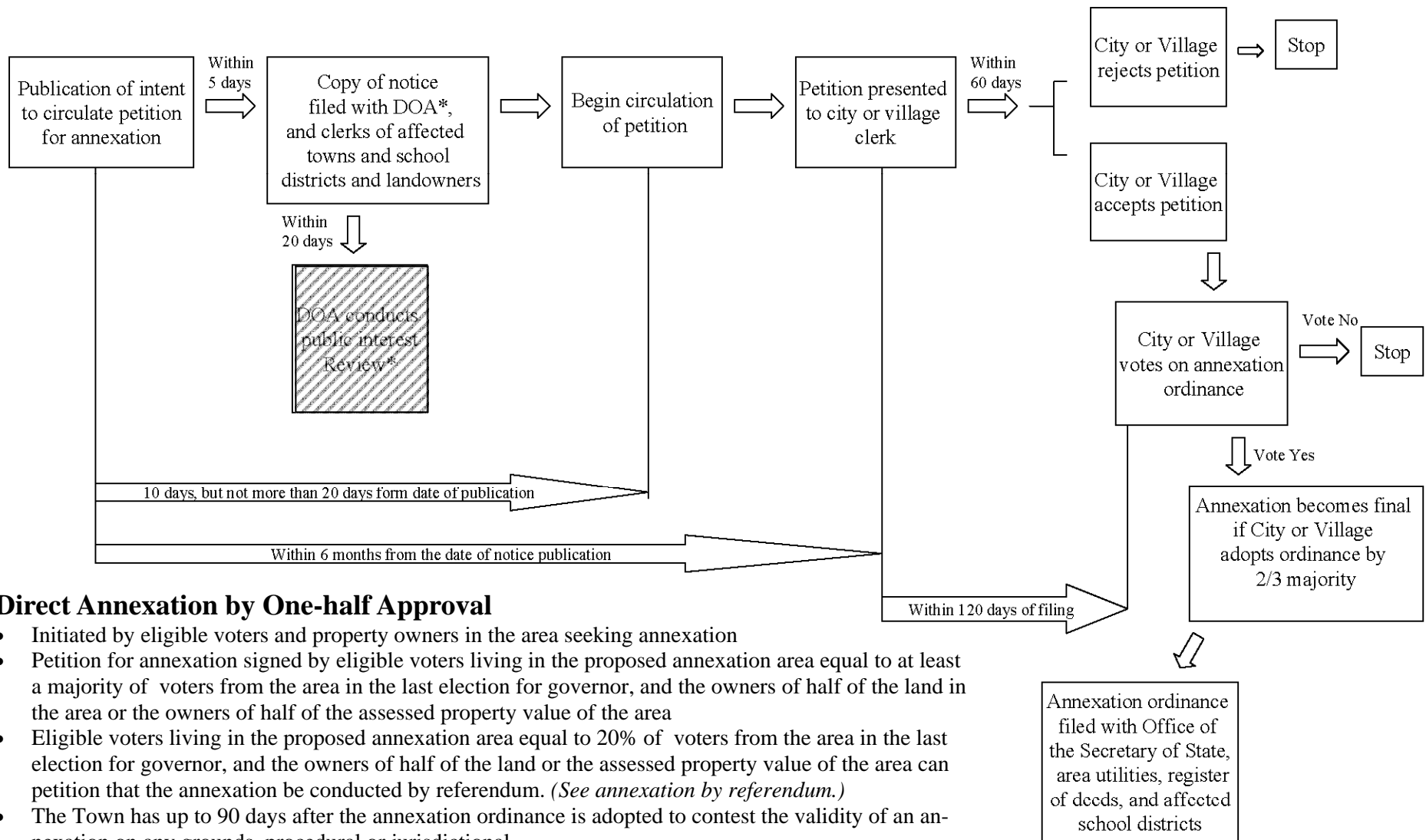


Direct Annexation by One-Half Approval

See section 66.0217 of the Wisconsin Statutes



Direct Annexation by One-half Approval

- Initiated by eligible voters and property owners in the area seeking annexation
- Petition for annexation signed by eligible voters living in the proposed annexation area equal to at least a majority of voters from the area in the last election for governor, and the owners of half of the land in the area or the owners of half of the assessed property value of the area
- Eligible voters living in the proposed annexation area equal to 20% of voters from the area in the last election for governor, and the owners of half of the land or the assessed property value of the area can petition that the annexation be conducted by referendum. (*See annexation by referendum.*)
- The Town has up to 90 days after the annexation ordinance is adopted to contest the validity of an annexation on any grounds, procedural or jurisdictional.
- The Village/City pays the Town annually for 5 years an amount equal to property taxes the town levied on the annexed area the year the annexation becomes final, unless there is a boundary agreement.
- If the Village/City is not located in the same county as the proposed annexation area, the Town and the County board must adopt a resolution approving the proposed annexation for it to take place.

*DOA role not applicable in counties with less than 50,000 persons

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