

SB 58 -- CITY ANNEXATION AND CITY ORDINANCES

This bill specifies that a petition requesting a voluntary annexation only needs to be notarized instead of verified. The fact that a petition requesting annexation is not or was not verified or notarized will not affect the validity of the annexation. Any action seeking to deannex any annexed area; to reverse, invalidate, set aside, or challenge a previous annexation; or to oust the city, town, or village from jurisdiction over the annexed area must be brought within five years of the date of the adoption of the annexation ordinance except for a cause of action for deannexation of an area for failure of the annexing municipality to provide required services to the area within three years which must be filed in the circuit court no later than four years after the effective date of the annexation ordinance.

The cities of Farmington and Perryville are authorized to remove weeds or trash without a hearing or notice to a property owner who has had more than one ordinance violation on the same property within a growing season for overgrown weeds or within a calendar year for trash. The cities may recoup the cost of the removal from the property owner by issuing a special tax bill to be collected with other taxes assessed against the property. If the bill is not paid when due, the cities may charge 8% interest on the amount owed. The provisions of the bill do not apply to lands owned by a public utility and any lands, rights-of-way, and easements controlled by a railroad.

The city council of the City of Farmington is authorized, in addition to the regular ordinance adoption and repeal process, to adopt or repeal any ordinance by submitting the proposed ordinance to the registered voters of the city at the next municipal election.