- (i) On the date and at the places specified, the resolution proposing a change in the corporate boundaries of the municipal corporation shall be submitted to a referendum election of the registered QUALIFIED voters of the municipal corporation and also OR of the persons who reside in the area to be affected ANNEXED and who are registered as voters in county elections, OR BOTH, DEPENDING UPON WHETHER A PETITION FOR REFERENDUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED, OR BY BOTH SUCH SETS OF RESIDENTS. The ballots or the voting machines, as the case may be, shall contain a summary of the resolution, with suitable provision for the voter to indicate a choice for or against it.
- (j) For the purposes of this section, in any instance in which there are fewer than ten TWENTY persons living in any area proposed to be annexed who are eligible to sign a petition and to participate in a referendum election under the provisions of this section, any person owning real property in the area proposed to be annexed (the word "person" here including an association, THE TWO OR MORE JOINT OWNERS OF JOINTLY-OWNED PROPERTY, a firm or corporation) shall have a right equal to that of a natural person to sign a petition or to participate in a referendum election.
- (k) The IF ONLY ONE PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM IS FILED AND IF A MAJORITY OF THE PERSONS VOTING ON THE QUESTION IN THAT REFERENDUM SHALL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE. THE CHANGE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROPOSED ON THE FOUR-TEENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE REFERENDUM. IF TWO PETITIONS FOR REFERENDUM ARE FILED, THE votes cast for the two referends shall be tabulated separately, so as to show individually the tabulation of votes cast in the municipal corporation and in the area to be affected ANNEXED. If in both tabulalations, each being reckoned separately, a majority of the persons voting on the question shall vote in favor of the proposal for change, the change shall become effective as proposed on the fourteenth day following the referendum. Unless IN THE EVENT THERE ARE TWO REFERENDA, UNLESS there is such a favorable majority in both tabulations, reckoned separately, the proposal for change shall be void and of no further effect whatsoever.
- (1) The provisions of this section shall authorize an increase in the area within any municipal corporation only as to land which is not then within the corporate limits of any other municipal corporation, unless the registered voters of the other municipal corporation in a similar (and third) referendum also approve the transfer by a majority of the persons voting on the question.
- (m) The resolution to add to or reduce the corporate boundaries of a municipal corporation shall provide generally that the persons residing in the area to be affected ANNEXED, and their property, shall be added to or taken from the corporate boundaries, generally subject or not subject, as the case may be, to the provisions of the charter of the municipal corporation; except that for stated periods and under specific conditions provision may be made for special treatment of the residents and property in the area to be affected ANNEXED, as to rates of municipal taxation and as to municipal