

THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A SERVICE AREA THAT INCLUDES TERRITORY IN ANOTHER SERVICE AREA.

(B) PETITION BY RESIDENTS.

IF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PROPERTY OWNERS SIGN A PETITION THAT REQUESTS THE CREATION OF A SERVICE AREA IN A DISTRICT, THE SANITARY COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE PETITION.

(C) REQUIRED NUMBER OF PETITIONERS.

THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PETITIONING PROPERTY OWNERS IS:

(1) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, THE LESSER OF:

(I) 25 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA; OR

(II) 25 PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA; AND

(2) IN ANY OTHER MEMBER COUNTY, 25 PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA.

(D) CONTENTS OF PETITION.

THE PETITION:

(1) SHALL INCLUDE A DEFINITE STATEMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA;

(2) MAY REQUEST THAT THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA BE DESIGNATED AS A NEW SERVICE AREA; AND

(3) IF THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA IS CONTIGUOUS TO AN EXISTING SERVICE AREA, MAY REQUEST THAT THE EXISTING SERVICE AREA BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA.

(E) POWER TO OBTAIN ENGINEERING SURVEY.

IF THE SANITARY COMMISSION APPROVES THE PETITION, THE SANITARY COMMISSION MAY:

(1) OBTAIN A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SURVEY THAT DESCRIBES THE FEASIBILITY AND PROBABLE COSTS OF PROVIDING TO THE SERVICE AREA THE SERVICES THAT A DISTRICT CAN PROVIDE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) SUBMIT THE APPROVED PETITION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MEMBER COUNTY OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THAT GOVERNING BODY.

(F) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN SURVEY.