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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2175 in subsection 1 in the 4th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30 days" and inserting the following: '60 days'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2175 in subsection 1 by striking out paragraph B (page 1, lines 27 to 29 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2175 in subsection 2 by striking out all of the first 3 lines (page 1, lines 30 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**‘2. Question.** When the municipal legislative body is the town meeting, no later than 90 days after the public hearing under this section, municipal officers shall prepare an article in the form below for inclusion in a town meeting warrant to be voted on by written ballot at a town meeting. In other municipalities, the vote must be by local referendum no later than 90 days after the public hearing under this section. The question to be voted on must be in substantially the following form:’

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2177 by striking out the blocked paragraph (page 2, lines 15 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

"Be it resolved that the voters of X (municipality) seek approval of the County of X and the County of Y to secede from the County of X and join the County of Y. Do you support X (municipality) seceding from the County of X and joining the County of Y and the municipality continuing to pay debt service owed to the County of X?"

Yes No"

## SUMMARY

This amendment requires municipal officers to call a public hearing to discuss seceding from one county and joining another within 60 days of the petition rather than 30 days. It also requires the vote by the municipality to be held at a town meeting by written ballot if the municipal legislative body is the town meeting. The amendment also changes the question for the county referendum to clarify that the voter is also approving the municipality continuing to pay debt service to the county that it is seceding from.