

Appendix B. Comparison of Other States' Laws

Chart 1. Annexation Methods				
State	Involuntary Annexation (no request, no approval by residents)		Voluntary Annexation (could be less than all residents consent)	
		3rd Party Approval		3rd Party Approval
Alabama	Islands in certain cities	State legislature, unlimited	P (100% owners), V (city)	
Alaska	City owned	State admin body + state legislature	P (100% owners and resident voters), P-V (city or resident voters)	State admin body + P or P-V
Arizona	Islands in certain counties		P (city or interested citizens)	
Arkansas	Islands		P (owners), V (city)	
California	Contiguous and noncontiguous city owned and islands		P-V (after, owners-residents)	Local Agency Formation Commission
Colorado	City owned and islands		P-V (owners-voters), P (owners-voters)	
Connecticut	All territory in the state is incorporated.			
Delaware			P-V (city or voters) cities > 50,000	County governing body and chief executive office before vote
Florida	Islands	County	P (100% owners), V (city)	
Georgia	Islands		P (owners and residents), V (city)	
Hawaii	There are no cities in Hawaii.			
Idaho	Certain islands, 100 or fewer five acre or smaller lots, and areas subject to development moratoriums or utility connection restrictions		V (city)	

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Illinois	Small islands (60 acres or less)		P-V (city or owners and voters)	Circuit court before vote
Indiana	Unlimited + noncontiguous if city owned		P (owners), noncontiguous	
Iowa			V (city), P-V (voters or city voters)	
Kansas	Some limitations		P (100% owners), P-V (city petitions county), noncontiguous	County if by vote
Kentucky	Islands		P (100% owners), P (city) includes owner and resident veto	
Louisiana			P-V (residents and city)	
Maine	Not authorized by constitution or general law.			
Maryland			P (city or owners and residents and voters), P-V (after)	
Massachusetts	Not authorized by constitution or general law.			
Michigan	City owned		V (city), P-V (after 3rd party approval)	Petition state admin body
Minnesota	City owned and islands and other limited circumstances		P (city or owners)	State admin board
Mississippi			P (city or electors)	Chancery court
Missouri			P (100% owners), P-V (city) includes noncontiguous territory in limited circumstances	Petition circuit court before vote

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Montana	Islands		V (city), P-V (residents)	
Nebraska	Unlimited		P (owners or owners and inhabitants)	
Nevada	Islands and subdivided land in certain counties		P (city or owners) includes owner veto	
New Hampshire	Not authorized by constitution or general law.			
New Jersey	No unincorporated land in the state. The only annexation that takes place is between cities.			
New Mexico	Islands		P (city or owners)	State or local level board
New York			P-V (local governments or owners or residents)	State court in limited circumstances
North Carolina	City owned and islands		P (owners or residents) noncontiguous in limited circumstances, V (city)	
North Dakota	P (city)	Office of Administrative Hearings	P (owners and electors)	
Ohio			P (owners or city)	Board of county commissioners
Oklahoma			P (city or owners)	
Oregon	Islands and lands dangerous to public health		V (city), P (owners and electors), P-V (owners)	
Pennsylvania	No unincorporated land in the state. The only annexation that takes place is between cities.			
Rhode Island	Municipal boundaries are locked in by statute.			
South Carolina	Government property		P (owners), P-V (electors)	
South Dakota			P (owners and voters), V (city)	

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Tennessee	Within UGB		P (owners and residents), V (city), P-V (interested persons)	
Texas	Home rule cities only and islands		P (owners or voters)	
Utah	Islands		P (owners) includes owner veto	
Vermont	General law only addresses annexation of territory in a town by a village.			
Virginia	P (city)	Special court	P (owners or voters)	Special court
Washington	City owned		V (city), P-V (owners or residents)	
West Virginia	In limited circumstances	County in limited circumstances	P (owners and voters), P-V (city owners)	
Wisconsin	Contiguous and noncontiguous city owned property and islands		P (owners and electors), P-V (city or owners and electors)	Circuit court before vote if city initiates
Wyoming	Land 75% contiguous		P (city or owners) includes owner veto	

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