

Chart 4. Notice of Annexation

Current Tennessee Law	Proposed Changes	Other States' Laws
<p>Annexation by ordinance—Notice of the annexation must be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven days in advance of the public hearing on the ordinance.</p> <p>Annexation by referendum—Notice must be mailed to the affected property owners 14 days prior to the public hearing. notice must also be posted in at least three public places in the territory to be annexed and in a like number of public places in the city. In addition, the notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation.</p>	<p>Senate Bill 1381 by Bowling, House Bill 1319 by Van Huss would require cities to mail notice to property owners 90 days prior to the date of a proposed annexation. House Bill 590 by Van Huss, Senate Bill 869 by Crowe would require notice be sent 90 days prior to the date of annexation. House Amendment 422 would require the notice to be sent 180 days in advance.</p>	<p>The minimum notice requirement for intent to annex in other states ranges from 7 to 30 days.</p> <p>The minimum notice requirement before a public hearing ranges from 6 to 60 days.</p> <p>The minimum public notice requirement before an election ranges from 4 to 30 days.</p>

Other States' Laws on Notice

State	Newspaper notice of intent	Property owners and/or residents must be notified of annexation by mail	Newspaper notice public hearing	Property owners and/or residents must be notified of public hearing by mail	Newspaper notice election	Property owners and/or residents must be notified of election by mail
Alabama					not specified	
Alaska			14 days			
Arizona			15 days	6 days		
Arkansas			21 days (petition)		not specified (city initiates)	
California			21 days			
Colorado			30 days			
Connecticut	All territory in the state is incorporated.					
Delaware						
Florida				10 days	14 days	

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Georgia			21 days if annexing by referendum; 14 days if initiated by owners and electors			
Hawaii	The are no cities in Hawaii.					
Idaho			28 days	28 days		
Illinois			15-30 days			
Indiana				60 days; 20 days when all property owners provide consent		
Iowa					4-20 days	
Kansas			1-2 weeks	10 days		
Kentucky				14 days notice of second reading		
Louisiana			10 days		10 days	
Maine	Annexation not authorized by constitution or general law.					
Maryland			2-4 weeks		2 weeks	
Massachusetts	Annexation not authorized by constitution or general law.					
Michigan	3 weeks (home rule cities)		7 days	30 days (home rule cities)		
Minnesota			2 weeks	30 days		
Mississippi			30 days			
Missouri			1-3 weeks			
Montana	2 weeks					not specified
Nebraska			10 days (cities of the first class only)			
Nevada			3 weeks	20 days		

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New Hampshire	Annexation 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			20-48 days			
New York	not specified					
North Carolina	30 days	30 days	10 days			
North Dakota			7-20 days	7-20 days		
Ohio						
Oklahoma	14-30 days	14-30 days	14-30 days			
Oregon			2 weeks			
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island	Municipal boundaries are locked in by statute. Rhode Island does not have functioning county governments.					
South Carolina			30 days	30 days		
South Dakota						
Tennessee			7 days	14 days (referendum)		
Texas			10-20 days		10-30 days	
Utah	3 weeks (petition)	not specified (petition)	2 weeks (first class counties)			
Vermont						
Virginia	30 days					
Washington			1- 2 weeks			
West Virginia					2 weeks	
Wisconsin	not specified	not specified			1 week	
Wyoming			15 days			