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To amend sections 707.02 and 707.29 and to repeal 1
section 707.04 of the Revised Code regarding 2
municipal incorporation. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 707.02 and 707.29 of the Revised 4
Code be amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 707.02. The petition required by section 707.01 of 6
the Revised Code shall be signed by fifty-one per cent of the 7
electors within the territory proposed to be incorporated, as 8
determined by the total number of votes cast within that 9
territory for the office of governor at the preceding general 10
election for that office, and shall contain or have attached 11
thereto: 12

(A) A full description and an accurate map of the 13
territory within the proposed municipal corporation; 14

(B) A statement signed by the county auditor as to the 15
total assessed valuation of the area proposed for incorporation; 16

(C) A statement that the area consists of not less than 17
two square miles, includes a population of not less than eight 18
hundred persons per square mile, and has an assessed valuation 19
of real, personal, and public utility property subject, except 20

as otherwise provided in this division, to general property 21
taxation of at least three thousand five hundred dollars per 22
capita. In determining per capita assessed valuation under this 23
division, the assessed valuation of any tangible personal 24
property, buildings, structures, improvements, and fixtures that 25
are exempt from taxation under division (B) of section 5709.081 26
of the Revised Code shall be added to the assessed valuation of 27
real, personal, and public utility property subject to general 28
property taxation. 29

(D) A statement by the secretary of state that the name 30
proposed in the petition is not being used by any other 31
municipal corporation in the state; 32

(E) The name of a person to act as agent for the 33
petitioners; 34

~~(F) A statement of whether or not the proposed municipal 35
corporation contains and includes territory within three miles 36
of any portion of the boundary of an existing municipal 37
corporation. 38~~

Sec. 707.29. (A) Cities may be incorporated in the manner 39
provided in sections 707.29 and 707.30 of the Revised Code. 40
Application for incorporation of a city shall be made by 41
petition addressed to the board of county commissioners. The 42
territory proposed for incorporation as a city shall meet all of 43
the following criteria: 44

(1) It shall consist of not less than four square miles. 45

(2) It shall have a population of not less than ~~twenty-~~ 46
~~five-five~~ thousand and a population density of at least one 47
thousand persons per square mile. 48

(3) It shall have an assessed valuation of real, personal, 49

and public utility property subject, except as otherwise 50
provided in division (A) (3) of this section, to general property 51
taxation of at least twenty-five hundred dollars per capita. In 52
determining per capita assessed valuation under division (A) (3) 53
of this section, the assessed valuation of any tangible personal 54
property, buildings, structures, improvements, and fixtures that 55
are exempt from taxation under division (B) of section 5709.081 56
of the Revised Code shall be added to the assessed valuation of 57
real, personal, and public utility property subject to general 58
property taxation. 59

(4) It shall not completely surround an existing municipal 60
corporation. 61

(5) It shall be contiguous. 62

(B) No territory within the boundaries of a military base, 63
camp, or similar installation under the jurisdiction of a 64
military department of the United States government, that is 65
used for the housing of members of the armed forces of the 66
United States and is a center for military operations of the 67
department shall be incorporated without the approval of the 68
secretary of defense of the United States, ~~his~~ a designee of the 69
secretary of defense, or other person having authority under 70
federal law to give such approval. 71

Section 2. That existing sections 707.02 and 707.29 of the 72
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 73

Section 3. That section 707.04 of the Revised Code is 74
hereby repealed. 75