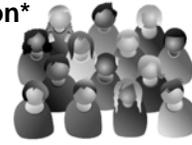


The New N.Y. Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act

Elector Initiated Consolidation

10% or 5,000 Electors in Two or More Entities Sign and Filed Petitions Seeking Consolidation*



Clerk Determines Petitions Properly Filed



Referendum Resolution & Notice Issued



Referendum Held



Voters Approve



Governing Bodies Develop Proposed Elector Initiated Consolidation Plan

Voters Disapprove



4-year Moratorium



Publication of Plan



Public Hearings on Plan



Governing Bodies Fail to Finalize Plan



Court-Appointed Mediator or Hearing Officer



Permissive Referendum if 25% of 15,000 Electors Petition

Governing Bodies Approve Final Version of Plan



Consolidation Effective



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*For populations under 500, you need 20% of the electors.