

years and over, whose names appear on the last revised assessment roll, and who have been resident within the territory sought to be incorporated for at least four months immediately prior to the signing of said petition, within the district sought to be incorporated, and of whom not fewer than one-half shall be freeholders.

(3) If the district sought to be incorporated, or any part thereof, has been laid out in lots on a registered plan, each petitioner shall state the number of the lot on said plan owned or occupied by him, and shall further set out whether he is a freeholder or householder.

(4) No by-law shall be passed under this section unless the petition therefor shall have been lodged with the clerk of the county at least one month before the meeting of the council at which the same is to be considered, nor unless public notice shall have, within two months previous to the meeting of the council at which the same shall be considered, been published at least once a week for two successive weeks in some newspaper at or nearest to the locality sought to be incorporated, and such notice shall set forth a description of the area intended to be embraced in the village.

53. In case a village is incorporated, or village or town (with or without additional area) erected into a town or city, or a township or county becomes separated, the by-laws in force therein respectively shall continue in force until repealed or altered by the council of the new corporation; but no such by-laws shall be repealed or altered unless they could have been or can be legally repealed or altered by the council which passed the same. 46 V. c. 18, c. 53.

NOTE.—For instance, the security upon which Debentures are issued *Re Local Improvements, Schools, Water works, etc.*, cannot be varied by *ex parte* action.

54. In case an addition is made to the limits of any municipality, the by-laws of such municipality shall extend to the additional limits, and the by-laws of the municipality from which the same has been detached shall cease to apply to the addition, except only by-laws relating to roads and streets, and these shall remain in force until repealed by by-laws of the municipality to which the addition has been made. 46 V. c. 18, s. 54.