

submit a by-law for the annexation of the said incorporated village or town to the vote of the municipal electors of the said town or incorporated village, and said council shall forthwith prepare a by-law directing the submission of the question in accordance with the prayer of the petition, and shall submit the same to the said municipal electors for approval or otherwise within four weeks after the receipt of the petition by the said council.

(5) A by-law which is duly carried under the provisions of the last preceding subsection by the vote of the municipal electors of said town or incorporated village shall, within a reasonable time, but not exceeding one month thereafter, be adopted by said council.

(6) Thereupon the council of such adjacent village, town or city may, by resolution assent to the annexation of such town or incorporated village aforesaid.

(7) In the event of the annexation of any such town or incorporated village as aforesaid having been approved of and assented to in manner hereinbefore provided, the same may be carried into effect by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on a day to be named in the said proclamation or in any subsequent proclamation. 51 V. c. 28, s. 2; 52 V. c. 36, s. 3.

(2) In any case where the resident freeholders of any city with a population of 100,000 or over, to the number of at least five hundred, petition the council, alleging the expediency of, and praying that a new division into wards may be made of the city without reducing the number of wards, or that a new division may be made reducing the number of wards to nine or less, it shall be the duty of the council, and the council shall, at the time of the holding of the next municipal elections, submit the question of a new division, as prayed for by the petition, to the vote of the persons entitled to vote at the municipal elections; and, in the event of a majority of the electors voting thereon voting in favor of the petition, it shall be the duty of the council to, and the council shall, within a reasonable time after the taking of the vote, subdivide the city into wards, so as to give effect to the prayer of the petition and vote of the electors; and such new division shall, so far as possible, be based upon the assessed values of property, population and territorial extent, and shall be given effect to in accordance with the provisions of section 22 of this Act in that behalf.

(3) In case any council neglects or refuses to make a new subdivision of any city into wards under the pro-