

**THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1976**

**380.853 Petitions; preparation; form; contents; signature; circulation; return of petitions to school district filing official; expiration date.**

Sec. 853.

(1) Within 30 days after the receipt of the approval of the state board to the consolidation, the intermediate superintendent shall notify the school district filing official, who shall have petitions prepared for circulation within the designated school districts. The petitions shall be printed or duplicated.

(2) A petition under this section shall be substantially in the form prescribed for other petitions under this act and is subject to section 14.

(3) Upon the request of a school elector of the district proposed to be consolidated, the school district filing official shall provide a petition for consolidation to the school elector. A petition shall be circulated only by a school elector of the district. The statement appearing below the signatures of petitioners shall be dated and signed on each page before filing the petition with the school district filing official.

(4) A school elector circulating a petition under this section shall return the petition to the school district filing official before the expiration date stated on the petition that is the sixtieth day after the school district filing official certifies the number of registered general electors residing in each of the affected school districts. The expiration date shall be not later than 180 days after the date of approval by the state board.

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