



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 354

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Substitute House Bill No. 6957

House of Representatives, March 31, 2025

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. KAVROS DEGRAW of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING A TOWN TO DESIGNATE ITSELF A CITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) A town may, by vote of its legislative body, designate itself a city.
4 Any town that designates itself a city pursuant to this section shall be
5 deemed a consolidated town and city for the purposes of the general
6 statutes.

7 (b) Each town or city shall provide itself with a seal with the name of
8 the town or city and the state and the word "seal" inscribed thereon and
9 may place thereon any such other suitable inscription or design as it
10 determines. If any town or city changes any design or inscription upon
11 its seal, a certificate describing such change shall be made and filed by
12 the town clerk of such town or city with the Secretary of the State. The
13 town clerk shall have the custody of such seal.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-101
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows a town to designate itself a city which does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ALLOWING A TOWN TO DESIGNATE ITSELF A CITY.

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that a town may, by vote of its legislative body, designate itself a city. Under the bill, if a town takes this action, it is deemed a consolidated town and city under state law.

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, has no statutory rules dictating when a municipality is a “town” or a “city.”

The bill also makes conforming changes to a law on official seals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)