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# Consolidation of City and County Govern- ments

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Reference Number: CTAS-603

After the passage of 1998 Public Chapter 1101, the law allows creation of a consolidation charter commission upon petition by qualified county voters equal to ten percent (10%) of the votes cast in the county for governor in the last gubernatorial election. (Previous law required the county and principal city to call for a consolidation commission.) The law also specifies procedures for appointment to the charter commission (under one (1) method, the county mayor appoints county members, subject to confirmation by the county legislative body). T.C.A. § 7-2-101.

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