

**15-111. Election to determine status of city; city as part of township; payment of debts.** On the petition of a majority of the legal voters of any town or village which became a city of the third class or may hereafter become a city of the third class by virtue of section one [\*] of the act to which this section is supplementary, it shall be the duty of the council of such city, within ten days after the filing of such petition, to order an election by the legal voters of such city, to determine whether such city shall remain a city under the provisions of the act to which this is amendatory, or be dissolved as a corporate body, and remitted to the conditions of being part of the township in which such city shall be.

The election shall be conducted like other elections, and the ballots shall have written or printed thereon: "For a city," or "Against a city," and within three days after the election said ballots shall be counted by the city council, and the result recorded; and if a two-thirds majority of the legal votes shall be against the city, then the city shall thenceforth cease to exist, and the territory embraced within the city limits shall thenceforth be a part of the township in which said city was located, and governed in every respect under the general township laws; and the records of such city shall be delivered to the township clerk, and if there be any debts unpaid of such city at the time it ceased to exist under the provisions of this act, then the township trustee shall, at the next annual levy of taxes, provide for a levy on the property within the limits of such city, sufficient to pay such debt according to its terms in the same manner as taxes are now levied for township purposes.

**History:** L. 1872, ch. 102, § 4; March 6; R.S. 1923, § 15-111.

\* "Section 1 of the act to which this section is supplementary" evidently refers to L. 1871, ch. 60, § 1, which is, as amended, 15-101.