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In 2013, the legislature recodified the various statutes governing sanitary districts in a new chapter, 442A. It also modified and expanded the statute governing sanitary districts, and changed oversight over the sanitary district process from the MPCA to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

This bill amends the sections relating to the process for creating a sanitary district, and annexing territory to or detaching territory from a district, dissolving a district, and the requirement for a joint public information meeting before any of those actions.

Throughout, it strikes the requirement that the description of the area proposed for an action (creation, annexation, and detachment) also include a justification for inclusion or exclusion of parcels.

It also changes the publication requirement from the State Register to a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. And it changes the notice to affected property owners from mailing or e-mailing information of the publication to mailing or e-mailing a notice of the final order of the creation, annexation, detachment, or dissolution.

In section 17, it limits the joint public informational meeting requirement to cases that proceed to a contested case hearing.