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## CHAPTER 205

## TOWN LINES

Sec.

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**§ 2001. Perambulation of boundary lines**

Boundary lines between municipalities shall be run once every 5 years in accordance with the following provisions:

**1. Notice.** The municipal officers shall give a 10-day written notice to the officers of the adjoining municipalities advising them the time and place of meeting for perambulation.

**2. Failure to appear.** If the officers of any municipality fail to appear in person, or by representative, at the time and place appointed for the required perambulation, the municipality which complies with its duty may perambulate the line and charge the other municipality for  $\frac{1}{2}$  the expense incurred.

**3. Recording.** After renewal of the boundary lines, the proceedings of the municipal officers shall be recorded in the books of their municipalities.

**4. Expense.** The expense of perambulation shall be borne equally by each municipality.

**5. Unorganized area.** Where a municipality adjoins an unorganized area, the county in which this area is located stands in the same relation as a municipality for the purpose of perambulating its boundary lines and paying its share of the expense of the perambulation. The county commissioners shall perform the duties required of municipal officers.

**6. Stone monuments.** Municipalities which have perambulated their boundary lines and erected stone monuments, which protrude at least 2 feet above the ground, at all the angles, and on the edges of highways or bodies of water which the boundary line crosses, or which serve as boundary lines, are exempt from the duty of perambulating the lines, except once every 10 years from the time that the monuments were first erected. This perambulation is for the purpose of inspecting the monuments and replacing those which have been misplaced or destroyed.

R.S.1954, c. 91, §§ 175, 176; 1957, c. 405, § 1.

**§ 2002. Disputed boundary lines**

When a controversy respecting a boundary line exists between adjoining municipalities, either may file a complaint with the Superior Court stating the facts and requesting that the line be run.

**1. Commissioners.** The court, after due notice to all parties, shall appoint 3 commissioners.

**2. Ascertain and describe line.** The commissioners, after giving the interested municipal officers a 10-day written notice of the time and place of meeting, shall ascertain the line and describe it by courses and distances.

**3. Temporary markers.** The commissioners shall set temporary markers to indicate the established line.

**4. Duplicate report.** The commissioners shall make a duplicate report of their proceedings and return one copy to the court and the other to the office of the Secretary of State.

**5. True line.** When the report has been accepted by the court, the line established by the commissioners becomes the true line for every municipal purpose, and the court shall order the interested municipalities to replace the temporary markers with stone monuments as provided in section 2001, subsection 6.

**6. Expense.** The expense of erecting stone monuments shall be borne equally by each municipality.

**7. Compensation of commissioners.** The court shall allow the commissioners a proper compensation for their services and issue a warrant for its collection from the interested municipalities in equal proportions.

R.S.1954, c. 91, § 177; 1957, c. 405, § 1; 1961, c. 317, § 243.