

14-1103. Change of classification from city of third class to city of second class; governor's proclamation; when change effective; application of laws; tenure of officers; division into wards; registration of voters. Whenever any city of the third class operating under the commission form of government or under the commission-manager form of government shall attain a population of more than two thousand (2,000), and such fact shall have been certified by the governing body of such city to the governor, the governor shall, by proclamation, declare such city to be a city of the second class.

The change in classification of any city under the provisions of this section shall take effect on the date the proclamation of the governor is issued unless a later date is specified therein, in which case the change and classification shall take place on such later date. The governing board of any such city, holding office at the time of the proclamation, shall continue to be the governing board of such city and the members of such board shall hold their respective offices until the next city election in an odd-numbered year.

Such city of the second class shall be governed by and subject to all of the laws applicable to cities of the second class operating under the commission form of government and if such city was operating under the commission-manager form of government immediately prior to becoming a city of the second class, the laws of this state applicable to cities of the second class operating under the commission-manager form of government shall be applicable to such city. All ordinances in effect at the time such city shall become a city of the second class shall have full force and effect after such city shall become a city of the second class. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of change of classification of such city, the governing body of such city shall meet and divide the city into wards, and the county election officer provided by law shall provide for the registration of voters in the manner provided by law for such cities.

History: L. 1957, ch. 94, § 2; L. 1968, ch. 274, § 37; April 30.