§ 751. Commencing the proceeding. 1. Two or more local government entities, whether within the same county or different counties, may be consolidated into a single local government entity if each of the local government entities is contiguous to at least one of the other consolidating local government entities and if together the local government entities would form a consolidated local government entity of a kind or class that is authorized under the laws of the state of New York. The requirement that local government entities be contiguous to consolidate does not apply to entities other than towns and villages.

2. Consolidation proceedings may be commenced by either:

(a) a joint resolution by the governing body or bodies of the local government entities to be consolidated endorsing a proposed joint consolidation agreement; or

(b) elector initiative.