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State ex rel. Hills and Dales v. Plain Local School District Board of Education

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Village sought writ of mandamus to compel school board to forward to county board of elections a petition proposing transfer of some of school district's territory to different school district.

The Supreme Court held that village lacked standing to seek mandamus relief.

Village lacked standing to seek mandamus relief compelling school board to forward to county board of elections a petition proposing transfer of portion of school district's territory located within village to different school district; statute governing petitions for transfer of school district territory authorized only qualified electors to submit transfer petition and did not refer to, much less confer rights on, municipal corporations, and while village might have indirect interest in transfer proposal because its boundary defined the territory that would be transferred, it had not shown that it had a direct interest in the transfer petition as a municipal corporation.

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