

**SUBJECT:** Providing notice of proposed municipal zoning changes to school districts

**COMMITTEE:** Land and Resource Management — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Deshotel, Frank, Goldman, Herrero, Paddie, Parker, Simpson, Springer  
0 nays  
1 absent — Walle

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Ruben Longoria, Texas Association of School Boards)  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Current law requires that written notice be mailed to all property owners within 200 feet of a property subject to a potential zoning change at least 10 days before a public hearing on the proposed change.

**DIGEST:** HB 674 would require written notice be mailed to any school district in which a residential or multifamily zoning change was proposed 10 days before a hearing on the proposed change.  
  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** HB 674 would extend existing notification requirements for public hearings on zoning changes to include school districts affected by a possible change in residential or multifamily zoning. Many municipalities already send notice to school districts as a best practice. The bill simply would ensure that school districts were aware of proposals that likely would increase or decrease demands on their services. Districts routinely conduct population projections to plan for future enrollment, and HB 674 would be a sensible measure to ensure they received data about local developments that affected population.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** No apparent opposition.