

- SUBJECT:** Requiring certain notice for municipal annexation agreements
- COMMITTEE:** Land and Resource Management — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Deshotel, Leman, Biedermann, Burrows, Craddick, Romero, Spiller, Thierry
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Rosenthal
- WITNESSES:** For — Phil Crone, Dallas Builders Association (*Registered, but did not testify*); Eric Opiela, South Texans’ Property Rights Association; Jeremy Fuchs, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; J.D. Hale and Scott Norman, Texas Association of Builders; Daniel Gonzalez and Julia Parenteau, Texas Realtors)
- Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Daniel Collins, El Paso County)
- BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested there is insufficient transparency in municipal annexation notification procedures with regard to a property owner's options after receiving an offer.
- DIGEST:** HB 1897 would require a municipality, at the time it made an annexation offer to a landowner, to provide the landowner with a written notice that included:
- a statement that the landowner was not required to enter the agreement;
 - the authority under which the municipality may annex the land with references to relevant law;
 - a plain-language description of the applicable annexation procedures; and
 - whether those procedures required the landowner's consent.

An agreement for which such notice was not provided would be void.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.