

SUBJECT:	Establishing decision deadlines for detachment and annexation petitions
COMMITTEE:	Public Education — favorable, without amendment
VOTE:	12 ayes — Buckley, Allen, Cunningham, Dutton, Cody Harris, Harrison, Hefner, Hinojosa, K. King, Longoria, Schaefer, Talarico 0 nays 1 absent — Allison
WITNESSES:	For — William Bednar; Trevor Hall Against — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Susan Stewart) On — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Eric Marin, Marc Puig, Von Byer, Texas Education Agency)
BACKGROUND:	Concerns have been raised that detachment and annexation petitions between independent school districts can lead to lengthy judicial disputes if one district chooses to not approve or deny the petition.
DIGEST:	HB 1067 would amend the provisions regarding detachment and annexation petitions by including deadlines for certain decisions to be made by the board of trustees of an independent school district. The bill would establish and amend certain deadlines, requiring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no later than the 30th day after the date the petition was received, each board of trustees to which a petition was required to be presented would conduct a hearing and adopt a resolution for the annexation to be effective;• no later than the 10th day after the date the petition was received, each affected board of trustees would give notice of the contemplated change by publishing and posting a notice specifying place and date of a joint hearing between the districts; and• no later than the 15th day after the date of the hearing between

districts concluded, each board of trustees would make findings as to the educational interests of the current or future students and as to the social, economic, and educational effects of the proposed boundary change and would adopt a resolution approving or disapproving the petition on the basis of those findings.

If the board of trustees of an affected district failed to adopt a resolution approving or disapproving the petition on or before the 45th day following the date the petition was received, the petition would be considered to be disapproved by the board of trustees.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.