

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, areas not in direct contact with a municipality's boundaries can be annexed. Because the language used in reference to annexation under the Local Government Code is "directly adjacent," a city is able to extend its extraterritorial jurisdiction and choose a prime area while avoiding unincorporated areas. S.B. 934 would control the growth of a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by preventing annexations which are not in direct contact with a municipality's boundaries.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 934 outlines provisions regarding restrictions on a municipality's authority to annex certain property.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 43.051, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 43.051. New heading: AUTHORITY TO ANNEX. Prohibits a municipality from annexing an area in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality if the area is not directly adjacent to the boundaries of the municipality. Provides that an area is not directly adjacent to the boundaries of a municipality if the area is adjacent to the boundaries of the municipality by a strip of area in the municipality that follows the course of a road, highway, river, stream, or creek, and that has a width of less than 5,000 feet at any point in the strip of area.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.