

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under Texas law, municipalities may annex areas within their extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) without the consent of those being annexed. In addition, communities within a municipality's ETJ are prohibited from incorporating without the permission of the municipality. This bill authorizes certain communities within a municipality's ETJ to incorporate without the municipality's consent.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 793 authorizes certain communities within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction to incorporate without the municipality's consent.

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 42.041(a), Local Government Code, to prohibit a municipality from incorporating in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of an existing municipality without the existing municipality's written consent by ordinance or resolution, except as provided by Section 42.0415.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 42C, Local Government Code, by adding Section 42.0415, as follows:

Sec. 42.0415. INCORPORATION IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION. Authorizes a petition signed by 100 or more registered voters in any portion of an area to be annexed to be presented by a certain date to the annexing municipality's governing body to request release of that portion of the area from the annexation proceeding and authorization to incorporate the area as a new municipality. Requires the petition to contain certain information and make certain statements concerning the area. Requires the persons within the area to begin the procedures described in Title 2 for the municipal incorporation of the area by a certain date. Requires the incorporation proceeding in the area to be completed by a certain date. Authorizes the annexing municipality to proceed with annexation of the area if the area is not incorporated within the required time limits, and prohibits the residents of the area from presenting another petition under this section for a certain period of time. Provides that Section 43.053 does not apply during the time an area is attempting to incorporate under Subsection (e).

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.