Amend CSSB 715 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 21, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following appropriately numbered section:

<u>Sec. 43.</u>. <u>RETALIATION FOR ANNEXATION DISAPPROVAL</u> <u>PROHIBITED. (a) The disapproval of the proposed annexation of an</u> <u>area under this subchapter does not affect any existing legal</u> <u>obligation of the municipality proposing the annexation to continue</u> <u>to provide governmental services in the area, including water or</u> <u>wastewater services.</u>

(b) The municipality may not initiate a rate proceeding solely because of the disapproval of a proposed annexation of an area under this subchapter.

(2) On page 26, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following appropriately numbered section:

(b) The municipality may not initiate a rate proceeding solely because of the disapproval of a proposed annexation of an area under this subchapter.

(3) On page 28, line 20, strike "Subsection (s)" and substitute "Subsections (s) and (t)".

(4) On page 29, line 12, between "<u>other law</u>" and the underlined comma, insert "<u>and except as provided by Subsection</u> (t)".

(5) On page 29, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(t) This subsection applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 850,000 that is served by a municipally owned electric utility with 400,000 or more customers and that is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of 500,000 or more. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a municipality that annexes an area under a strategic partnership agreement executed on or after September 1, 2017, must annex the

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area in compliance with Subchapter C-3, C-4, or C-5.