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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to municipal annexation.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,
- 5 is amended by adding Section 43.003 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 43.003. LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXATION GENERALLY
- 7 PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. (a) Except as provided by Section 43.0751,
- 8 beginning September 1, 2017, a municipality may not annex an area
- 9 for the limited purposes of applying its planning, zoning, health,
- 10 and safety ordinances in the area.
- 11 (b) This section supersedes any municipal charter provision
- 12 that conflicts with this section.
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 43.021, Local Government Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 43.021. AUTHORITY OF HOME-RULE MUNICIPALITY TO ANNEX
- 16 AREA AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS REGARDING BOUNDARIES. A home-rule
- 17 municipality may take the following actions according to rules as
- 18 may be provided by the charter of the municipality and not
- 19 inconsistent with the <u>requirements</u> [procedural rules] prescribed
- 20 by this chapter:
- 21 (1) fix the boundaries of the municipality;
- 22 (2) extend the boundaries of the municipality and
- 23 annex area adjacent to the municipality; and
- 24 (3) exchange area with other municipalities.

- 1 SECTION 3. Section 43.051, Local Government Code, is
- 2 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,
- 3 redesignated as Section 43.0211, Local Government Code, and amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 43.0211 [43.051]. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX LIMITED TO
- 6 EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. A municipality may annex area only
- 7 in the municipality's [its] extraterritorial jurisdiction unless
- 8 the municipality owns the area.
- 9 SECTION 4. Section 43.054, Local Government Code, is
- 10 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,
- 11 redesignated as Section 43.02115, Local Government Code, and
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 43.02115 [ $\frac{43.054}{}$ ]. WIDTH REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
- 14 municipality [with a population of less than 1.6 million] may not
- 15 annex a publicly or privately owned area, including a strip of area
- 16 following the course of a road, highway, river, stream, or creek,
- 17 unless the width of the area at  $\underline{\text{the area's}}$  [ $\underline{\text{its}}$ ] narrowest point is
- 18 at least 1,000 feet.
- 19 (b) The prohibition established by Subsection (a) does not
- 20 apply if:
- 21 (1) the boundaries of the municipality are contiguous
- 22 to the area on at least two sides;
- 23 (2) the annexation is initiated on the request
- 24 [written petition] of the owners or on the written petition of a
- 25 majority of the <u>registered</u> [<del>qualified</del>] voters of the area; or
- 26 (3) the area abuts or is contiguous to another
- 27 jurisdictional boundary.

- 1 [(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a municipality with a population of 21,000 or more located in a county with a population 2 of 100,000 or more may annex a publicly owned strip or similar area 3 following the course of a road or highway for the purpose of 4 annexing territory contiquous to the strip or area if the territory 5 contiguous to the strip or area was formerly used or was to be used 6 7 in connection with or by a superconducting super collider high-energy research facility. 8 SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, 9
- is amended by adding Section 43.0212 to read as follows:
- Sec. 43.0212. AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITY TO ANNEX AREA ON
  REQUEST OF OWNERS. (a) Notwithstanding Subchapter C or C-1, a
  municipality may annex an area if each owner of land in the area
  requests the annexation.
- (b) If a municipality elects to annex an area under this section, the governing body of the municipality must first negotiate and enter into a written agreement for the provision of services in the area with the owners of land in the area. The municipality is not required to provide a service that is not included in the agreement.
- 22 section, the governing body of the municipality must conduct at
  23 least two public hearings. The hearings must be conducted not less
  24 than 10 business days apart. During the first public hearing, the
  25 governing body must provide persons interested in the annexation
  26 the opportunity to be heard. During the final public hearing, the
  27 governing body may adopt an ordinance annexing the area.

- 1 SECTION 6. Section 43.0235(a), Local Government Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 (a) A general-law municipality may annex an area in which 50
- 4 percent or more of the property in the area to be annexed is
- 5 primarily used for a commercial or industrial purpose only if the
- 6 municipality:
- 7 (1) is otherwise authorized by this <u>chapter</u>
- 8 [subchapter] to annex the area and complies with the requirements
- 9 prescribed under that authority; and
- 10 (2) obtains the written consent of the owners of a
- 11 majority of the property in the area to be annexed.
- 12 SECTION 7. Section 43.026, Local Government Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 43.026. AUTHORITY OF TYPE A GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY
- 15 TO ANNEX AREA IT OWNS. Notwithstanding Subchapter C or C-1, the
- 16 [The] governing body of a Type A general-law municipality by
- 17 ordinance may annex area that the municipality owns. The ordinance
- 18 must describe the area by metes and bounds and must be entered in
- 19 the minutes of the governing body.
- 20 SECTION 8. Section 43.027, Local Government Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 43.027. AUTHORITY OF GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY TO ANNEX
- 23 NAVIGABLE STREAM. Notwithstanding Subchapter C or C-1, the [The]
- 24 governing body of a general-law municipality by ordinance may annex
- 25 any navigable stream adjacent to the municipality and within the
- 26 municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- 27 SECTION 9. Section 43.029, Local Government Code, is

- 1 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e),
- 2 (f), and (g) to read as follows:
- 3 (c) Notwithstanding Subchapter C or C-1, the [The] board of
- 4 trustees of a public school occupying the area may petition the
- 5 governing body of the municipality in writing to annex the area
- 6 under the procedures provided by this section. [Sections
- 7 43.028(c)-(f) apply to the petition and annexation under this
- 8 section in the same manner in which they apply to the petition and
- 9 annexation under that section.
- 10 (d) The petition must describe the area by metes and bounds
- 11 and must be acknowledged in the manner required for deeds by each
- 12 person having an interest in the area.
- (e) After the 5th day but on or before the 30th day after the
- 14 date the petition is filed, the governing body shall hear the
- 15 petition and the arguments for and against the annexation and shall
- 16 grant or refuse the petition as the governing body considers
- 17 <u>appropriate</u>.
- 18 (f) If the governing body grants the petition, the governing
- 19 body by ordinance may annex the area. On the effective date of the
- 20 ordinance, the area becomes a part of the municipality.
- 21 (g) If the petition is granted and the ordinance is adopted,
- 22 <u>a certified copy of the ordinance together with a copy or duplicate</u>
- 23 of the petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of
- 24 the county in which the municipality is located.
- 25 SECTION 10. Section 43.031, Local Government Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 43.031. AUTHORITY OF ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES TO CHANGE

- 1 BOUNDARIES BY AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding Subchapter C or C-1,
- 2 <u>adjacent</u> [Adjacent] municipalities may make mutually agreeable
- 3 changes in their boundaries of areas that are less than 1,000 feet
- 4 in width.
- 5 SECTION 11. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local
- 6 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 SUBCHAPTER C. ANNEXATION OF AREAS WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN
- 8 <u>200</u> [PROCEDURE FOR AREAS ANNEXED UNDER MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN]
- 9 SECTION 12. Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local Government
- 10 Code, is amended by adding Sections 43.0511 through 43.0518 to read
- 11 as follows:
- 12 Sec. 43.0511. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX. A municipality may annex
- 13 an area with a population of less than 200 only if the municipality
- 14 obtains consent to annex the area through a petition signed by:
- 15 (1) more than 50 percent of the registered voters of
- 16 the area; and
- 17 (2) if the registered voters of the area do not own
- 18 more than 50 percent of the land in the area, more than 50 percent of
- 19 the owners of land in the area.
- Sec. 43.0512. RESOLUTION. The governing body of the
- 21 municipality that proposes to annex an area under this subchapter
- 22 must adopt a resolution that includes:
- 23 (1) a statement of the municipality's intent to annex
- 24 the area;
- 25 (2) a detailed description and map of the area to be
- 26 annexed; and
- 27 (3) a description of the services to be provided by the

1	municipality in the area after the annexation, including, as
2	applicable:
3	(A) police protection;
4	(B) fire protection;
5	(C) emergency medical services;
6	(D) solid waste collection;
7	(E) operation and maintenance of water and
8	wastewater facilities in the annexed area;
9	(F) operation and maintenance of roads and
10	streets, including road and street lighting;
11	(G) operation and maintenance of parks,
12	playgrounds, and swimming pools; and
13	(H) operation and maintenance of any other
14	publicly owned facility, building, or service.
15	Sec. 43.0513. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION. Not later
16	than the seventh day after the date the governing body of the
17	municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0512, the
18	municipality must mail to each resident in the area proposed to be
19	annexed notification of the proposed annexation that includes:
20	(1) notice of the public hearing required by Section
21	43.0514;
22	(2) an explanation of the 60-day petition period
23	described by Section 43.0515; and
24	(3) a description of the services to be provided by the
25	municipality in the area after the annexation.
26	Sec. 43.0514. PUBLIC HEARING. The governing body of a
27	municipality must conduct at least one public hearing on the

- 1 proposed annexation at which members of the public are given an
- 2 opportunity to be heard. The governing body must conduct the
- 3 hearing not earlier than the 21st day and not later than the 30th
- 4 day after the date the governing body adopts the resolution under
- 5 Section 43.0512.
- 6 Sec. 43.0515. PETITION. (a) The petition required by
- 7 Section 43.0511 may be signed only by a registered voter of the area
- 8 proposed to be annexed or an owner of land in the area. The petition
- 9 must provide for the person signing to state whether the person is
- 10 signing as a registered voter of the area, as an owner of land in the
- 11 area, or as both.
- 12 (b) The municipality may collect signatures on the petition
- 13 only during the period beginning on the 31st day after the date the
- 14 governing body of the municipality adopts the resolution under
- 15 Section 43.0512 and ending on the 90th day after the date the
- 16 resolution is adopted.
- 17 (c) The petition must clearly state that a person signing
- 18 the petition is consenting to the proposed annexation.
- 19 (d) The petition must include a map of and describe the area
- 20 proposed to be annexed.
- 21 (e) The municipality must collect petition signatures in
- 22 person, except that the municipality may provide for an owner of
- 23 land in the area who is not a resident of the area to sign the
- 24 petition electronically.
- 25 (f) Chapter 277, Election Code, applies to a petition under
- 26 this section.
- Sec. 43.0516. RESULTS OF PETITION. (a) When the petition

- 1 period prescribed by Section 43.0515 ends, the petition shall be
- 2 verified by the municipal secretary or other person responsible for
- 3 verifying signatures. The municipality must notify the residents
- 4 of the area proposed to be annexed of the results of the petition.
- 5 (b) If the municipality does not obtain the number of
- 6 signatures on the petition required to annex the area, the
- 7 municipality may not annex the area and may not adopt another
- 8 resolution under Section 43.0512 to annex any part of the area until
- 9 the first anniversary of the date the petition period ended.
- 10 (c) If the municipality obtains the number of signatures on
- 11 the petition required to annex the area, the municipality may annex
- 12 the area after:
- 13 (1) providing notice under Subsection (a);
- 14 (2) conducting a public hearing at which members of
- 15 the public are given an opportunity to be heard; and
- 16 (3) conducting a final hearing not earlier than the
- 17 10th day after the date of the public hearing under Subdivision (2)
- 18 at which the ordinance annexing the area may be adopted.
- 19 Sec. 43.0517. VOTER APPROVAL BY MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS ON
- 20 PETITION. If a petition protesting the annexation of an area under
- 21 this subchapter is signed by a number of registered voters of the
- 22 municipality proposing the annexation equal to at least 50 percent
- 23 of the number of voters who voted in the most recent municipal
- 24 election and is received by the municipal secretary before the date
- 25 the petition period prescribed by Section 43.0515 ends, the
- 26 municipality may not complete the annexation of the area without
- 27 approval of a majority of the voters of the municipality voting at

- 1 an election called and held for that purpose.
- 2 Sec. 43.0518. RETALIATION FOR ANNEXATION DISAPPROVAL
- 3 PROHIBITED. (a) The disapproval of the proposed annexation of an
- 4 area under this subchapter does not affect any existing legal
- 5 obligation of the municipality proposing the annexation to continue
- 6 to provide governmental services in the area, including water or
- 7 wastewater services.
- 8 (b) The municipality may not initiate a rate proceeding
- 9 solely because of the disapproval of a proposed annexation of an
- 10 area under this subchapter.
- 11 SECTION 13. The heading to Subchapter C-1, Chapter 43,
- 12 Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 SUBCHAPTER C-1. ANNEXATION OF AREAS WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST
- 14 200 [PROCEDURE FOR AREAS EXEMPTED FROM MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN]
- 15 SECTION 14. Subchapter C-1, Chapter 43, Local Government
- 16 Code, is amended by adding Sections 43.0611 through 43.0619 to read
- 17 as follows:
- Sec. 43.0611. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX. A municipality may annex
- 19 an area with a population of 200 or more only if the following
- 20 conditions are met, as applicable:
- 21 (1) the municipality holds an election in the area
- 22 proposed to be annexed at which the qualified voters of the area may
- 23 vote on the question of the annexation, and a majority of the votes
- 24 received at the election approve the annexation; and
- 25 (2) if the registered voters of the area do not own
- 26 more than 50 percent of the land in the area, the municipality
- 27 obtains consent to annex the area through a petition signed by more

2 Sec. 43.0612. RESOLUTION. The governing body of the 3 municipality that proposes to annex an area under this subchapter 4 must adopt a resolution that includes: 5 (1) a statement of the municipality's intent to annex 6 the area; 7 (2) a detailed description and map of the area to be 8 annexed; and 9 (3) a description of the services to be provided by the municipality in the area after the annexation, including, as 10 11 applicable: 12 (A) police protection; 13 (B) fire protection; 14 (C) emergency medical services; 15 (D) solid waste collection; 16 (E) operation and maintenance of water and 17 wastewater facilities in the annexed area; 18 (F) operation and maintenance of roads streets, including road and street lighting; 19 20 (G) operation and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools; and 21 22 (H) operation and maintenance of any other 23 publicly owned facility, building, or service. Sec. 43.0613. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION. Not later 24 25 than the seventh day after the date the governing body of the

than 50 percent of the owners of land in the area.

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municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0612, the

municipality must mail to each property owner in the area proposed

- 1 to be annexed notification of the proposed annexation that
- 2 <u>includes:</u>
- 3 (1) notice of the public hearing required by Section
- 4 43.0614;
- 5 (2) notice that an election on the question of
- 6 annexing the area will be held; and
- 7 (3) a description of the services to be provided by the
- 8 municipality in the area after the annexation.
- 9 Sec. 43.0614. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (a) The governing body of
- 10 a municipality must conduct at least two public hearings on the
- 11 proposed annexation at which members of the public are given an
- 12 opportunity to be heard.
- 13 (b) The governing body must conduct the first public hearing
- 14 not earlier than the 21st day and not later than the 30th day after
- 15 the date the governing body adopts the resolution under Section
- 16 43.0612.
- 17 <u>(c) The governing body must conduct the second public</u>
- 18 hearing not earlier than the 31st day and not later than the 90th
- 19 day after the date the governing body adopts a resolution under
- 20 Section 43.0612.
- Sec. 43.0615. PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN
- 22 AREAS. (a) If the registered voters in the area proposed to be
- 23 <u>annexed do not own more than 50 percent of the land in the area, the</u>
- 24 municipality must obtain consent to the annexation through a
- 25 petition signed by more than 50 percent of the owners of land in the
- 26 area in addition to the election required by this subchapter.
- 27 (b) The municipality must obtain the consent required by

- 1 this section through the petition process prescribed by Section
- 2 43.0515, and the petition must be verified in the manner provided by
- 3 Section 43.0516(a).
- 4 Sec. 43.0616. ELECTION. (a) A municipality shall order an
- 5 election on the question of annexing an area to be held on the first
- 6 uniform election date that falls on or after:
- 7 (1) the 90th day after the date the governing body of
- 8 the municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0612; or
- 9 (2) if the consent of the owners of land in the area is
- 10 required under Section 43.0615, the 78th day after the date the
- 11 petition period to obtain that consent ends.
- 12 (b) An election under this section shall be held in the same
- 13 manner as general elections of the municipality. The municipality
- 14 shall pay for the costs of holding the election.
- 15 Sec. 43.0617. RESULTS OF ELECTION AND PETITION.
- 16 (a) Following an election held under this subchapter, the
- 17 municipality must notify the residents of the area proposed to be
- 18 annexed of the results of the election and, if applicable, of the
- 19 petition required by Section 43.0615.
- 20 (b) If at the election held under this subchapter a majority
- 21 of qualified voters do not approve the proposed annexation, or if
- 22 the municipality is required to petition owners of land in the area
- 23 under Section 43.0615 and does not obtain the required number of
- 24 signatures, the municipality may not annex the area and may not
- 25 adopt another resolution under Section 43.0612 to annex any part of
- 26 the area until the first anniversary of the date of the adoption of
- 27 the resolution.

- 1 (c) If at the election held under this subchapter a majority
- 2 of qualified voters approve the proposed annexation, and if the
- 3 municipality, as applicable, obtains the required number of
- 4 petition signatures under Section 43.0615, the municipality may
- 5 annex the area after:
- 6 (1) providing notice under Subsection (a);
- 7 (2) conducting a public hearing at which members of
- 8 the public are given an opportunity to be heard; and
- 9 (3) conducting a final hearing not earlier than the
- 10 10th day after the date of the public hearing under Subdivision (2)
- 11 at which the ordinance annexing the area may be adopted.
- 12 Sec. 43.0618. VOTER APPROVAL BY MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS ON
- 13 PETITION. If a petition protesting the annexation of an area under
- 14 this subchapter is signed by a number of registered voters of the
- 15 municipality proposing the annexation equal to at least 50 percent
- 16 of the number of voters who voted in the most recent municipal
- 17 <u>election and is received by the municipal secretary before the date</u>
- 18 the election required by this subchapter is held, the municipality
- 19 may not complete the annexation of the area without approval of a
- 20 majority of the voters of the municipality voting at a separate
- 21 election called and held for that purpose.
- Sec. 43.0619. RETALIATION FOR ANNEXATION DISAPPROVAL
- 23 PROHIBITED. (a) The disapproval of the proposed annexation of an
- 24 area under this subchapter does not affect any existing legal
- 25 obligation of the municipality proposing the annexation to continue
- 26 to provide governmental services in the area, including water or
- 27 wastewater services.

- 1 (b) The municipality may not initiate a rate proceeding
- 2 solely because of the disapproval of a proposed annexation of an
- 3 area under this subchapter.
- 4 SECTION 15. Section 43.071(e), Local Government Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 (e) Subsections (b) and (c)  $\left[\frac{b-(d)}{d}\right]$  do not apply to the
- 7 annexation of:
- 8 (1) an area within a water or sewer district if:
- 9 (A) the governing body of the district consents
- 10 to the annexation;
- 11 (B) the owners in fee simple of the area to be
- 12 annexed consent to the annexation; and
- 13 (C) the annexed area does not exceed 525 feet in
- 14 width at its widest point;
- 15 (2) a water or sewer district that has a noncontiquous
- 16 part that is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the
- 17 municipality; or
- 18 (3) a part of a special utility district created or
- 19 operating under Chapter 65, Water Code.
- SECTION 16. Sections 43.0715(b) and (c), Local Government
- 21 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) If a municipality with a population of less than 1.5
- 23 million annexes a special district for full or limited purposes and
- 24 the annexation precludes or impairs the ability of the district to
- 25 issue bonds, the municipality shall, prior to the effective date of
- 26 the annexation, pay in cash to the landowner or developer of the
- 27 district a sum equal to all actual costs and expenses incurred by

the landowner or developer in connection with the district that the 1 2 district has, in writing, agreed to pay and that would otherwise have been eligible for reimbursement from bond proceeds under the 3 4 rules and requirements of the Texas [Natural Resource Conservation] Commission on Environmental Quality as such rules and requirements 5 exist on the date of annexation. [For an annexation that is subject 6 7 to preclearance by a federal authority, a payment will be considered timely if the municipality: (i) escrows the 8 9 reimbursable amounts determined in accordance with Subsection (c) prior to the effective date of the annexation; and (ii) 10 11 subsequently causes the escrowed funds and accrued interest to be disbursed to the developer within five business days after the 12 13 municipality receives notice of the preclearance.

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At the time notice of the municipality's intent to annex the land within the district is first published [in accordance with Section 43.052], the municipality shall proceed to initiate and complete a report for each developer conducted in accordance with the format approved by the Texas [Natural Resource Conservation] Commission on Environmental Quality for audits. In the event the municipality is unable to complete the report prior to the effective date of the annexation as a result of the developer's failure to provide information to the municipality which cannot be obtained from other sources, the municipality shall obtain from the 23 district the estimated costs of each project previously undertaken by a developer which are eligible for reimbursement. The amount of such costs, as estimated by the district, shall be escrowed by the municipality for the benefit of the persons entitled to receive

- payment in an insured interest-bearing account with a financial 1 2 institution authorized to do business in the state. To compensate the developer for the municipality's use of the infrastructure 3 4 facilities pending the determination of the reimbursement amount [or federal preclearance], all interest accrued on the escrowed 5 funds shall be paid to the developer whether or not the annexation 6 7 is valid. Upon placement of the funds in the escrow account, the annexation may become effective. In the event a municipality 8 9 timely escrows all estimated reimbursable amounts as required by 10 this subsection and all such amounts, determined to be owed, 11 including interest, are subsequently disbursed to the developer within five days of final determination in immediately available 12 13 funds as required by this section, no penalties or interest shall accrue during the pendency of the escrow. Either the municipality 14 15 or developer may, by written notice to the other party, require 16 disputes regarding the amount owed under this section to be subject to nonbinding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the 17 18 American Arbitration Association.
- 19 SECTION 17. Sections 43.072(b) and (d), Local Government 20 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 21 (b) A home-rule municipality having a common boundary with a 22 district subject to this section may annex the area of the district 23 if:
- 24 (1) the annexation <u>complies with the requirements of</u>
  25 <u>Subchapter C or C-1</u>, as applicable [is approved by a majority of the
  26 <u>qualified voters who vote on the question at an election held under</u>
  27 <u>this section</u>];

- 1 (2) the annexation is completed before the date that
- 2 is one year after the date the petition period prescribed by Section
- 3 43.0515 ends or the date of the election under Section 43.0616, as
- 4 applicable; and
- 5 (3) all the area of the district is annexed.
- 6 (d) Annexation of area under this section is exempt from the 7 provisions of this chapter that prohibit:
- 8 (1) a municipality from annexing area outside its 9 extraterritorial jurisdiction;
- 10 (2) annexation of area narrower than the minimum width
- 11 prescribed by Section 43.02115 [43.054]; or
- 12 (3) reduction of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of
- 13 a municipality without the written consent of the municipality's
- 14 governing body.
- 15 SECTION 18. Section 43.0751, Local Government Code, is
- 16 amended by amending Subsections (b), (d), and (h) and adding
- 17 Subsection (s) to read as follows:
- 18 (b) The governing bodies of a municipality and a district
- 19 may negotiate and enter into a written strategic partnership
- 20 agreement for the district by mutual consent. The governing body of
- 21 a municipality, on written request from a district located in the
- 22 municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction [included in the
- 23 municipality's annexation plan under Section 43.052], may [shall]
- 24 negotiate and enter into a written strategic partnership agreement
- 25 with the district. [A district included in a municipality's
- 26 annexation plan under Section 43.052:
- [(1) may not submit its written request before the

1 date of the second hearing required under Section 43.0561; and

2 [(2) must submit its written request before the 61st

3 day after the date of the second hearing required under Section

4 43.0561.

Before the governing body of a municipality or a 5 district adopts a strategic partnership agreement, it shall conduct 6 7 two public hearings at which members of the public who wish to present testimony or evidence regarding the proposed agreement 8 9 shall be given the opportunity to do so. Notice of public hearings conducted by the governing body of a municipality under this 10 11 subsection shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and in the district[. The notice must be in the 12 format prescribed by Section 43.123(b) and must be published at 13 least once on or after the 20th day before the [each] date of each 14 hearing. The notice may not be smaller than one-quarter page of a 15 16 standard-size or tabloid-size newspaper, and the headline on the notice must be in 18-point or larger type. Notice of public 17 hearings conducted by the governing body of a district under this 18 subsection shall be given in accordance with the district's 19 notification procedures for other matters of public importance. 20 Any notice of a public hearing conducted under this subsection 21 shall contain a statement of the purpose of the hearing, the date, 22 time, and place of the hearing, and the location where copies of the 23 proposed agreement may be obtained prior to the hearing. 24 25 governing bodies of a municipality and a district may conduct joint public hearings under this subsection, provided that at least one 26 27 public hearing is conducted within the district.

- 1 On the full-purpose annexation conversion date set 2 forth in the strategic partnership agreement pursuant to Subsection (f)(5)  $[\frac{(f)(5)(A)}{A}]$ , the land included within the boundaries of the 3 4 district shall be deemed to be within the full-purpose boundary limits of the municipality without the need for further action by 5 the governing body of the municipality. 6 The full-purpose 7 annexation conversion date established by a strategic partnership agreement may be altered only by mutual agreement of the district 8 9 and the municipality. However, nothing herein shall prevent the municipality from terminating the agreement and instituting 10 11 proceedings to annex the district, on request by the governing body of the district, on any date prior to the full-purpose annexation 12 13 conversion date established by the strategic partnership agreement under the procedures prescribed by Subchapter C-1, as that 14 subchapter existed on January 1, 2017. [Land annexed for limited or 15 16 full purposes under this section shall not be included calculations prescribed by Section 43.055(a).] 17
- 18 <u>(s) Notwithstanding any other law, the procedures</u>
  19 <u>prescribed by Subchapters C and C-1 do not apply to the full-purpose</u>
  20 <u>annexation of an area under this section. Except as provided by</u>
  21 <u>Subsection (h), a municipality shall follow the procedures</u>
  22 <u>established under the strategic partnership agreement for</u>
  23 <u>full-purpose annexation of an area under this section.</u>
- SECTION 19. Section 43.07515(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 (a) A municipality may not regulate under Section 43.0751 27 [or 43.0752] the sale, use, storage, or transportation of fireworks

- 1 outside of the municipality's boundaries.
- 2 SECTION 20. Section 43.101(d), Local Government Code, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 (d) The municipality may annex the area even if part of the
- 5 area is outside the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction
- 6 or is narrower than the minimum width prescribed by Section
- 7 43.02115 [43.054]. [Section 43.055, which relates to the amount of
- 8 area a municipality may annex in a calendar year, does not apply to
- 9 the annexation.
- 10 SECTION 21. Section 43.102(d), Local Government Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (d) The municipality may annex the area even if the area is
- 13 outside the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, is in
- 14 another municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, or is
- 15 narrower than the minimum width prescribed by Section 43.02115
- 16 [43.054]. [Section 43.055, which relates to the amount of area a
- 17 municipality may annex in a calendar year, does not apply to the
- 18 annexation.
- 19 SECTION 22. Sections 43.1025(c) and (g), Local Government
- 20 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 21 (c) <u>Annexation of the [The]</u> area described by Subsection (b)
- 22 [may be annexed without the consent of the owners or residents of
- 23 the area, but the annexation] may not occur unless each
- 24 municipality in whose extraterritorial jurisdiction the area may be
- 25 located:
- 26 (1) consents to the annexation; and
- 27 (2) reduces its extraterritorial jurisdiction over

- 1 the area as provided by Section 42.023.
- 2 (g) The municipality may annex the area if the area is
- 3 narrower than the minimum width prescribed by Section 43.02115
- 4 [43.054]. [Section 43.055 does not apply to the annexation.]
- 5 SECTION 23. Subchapter F, Chapter 43, Local Government
- 6 Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1211 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 43.1211. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to an
- 8 area that was annexed for a limited purpose as authorized before
- 9 <u>September 1, 2017.</u>
- 10 SECTION 24. Section 43.127(a), Local Government Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (a) On [Except as provided by Section 43.123(e), on] or
- 13 before the date prescribed by the regulatory plan prepared for the
- 14 limited purpose area [under Section 43.123(d)(2)], the
- 15 municipality must annex the area for full purposes. [This
- 16 requirement may be waived and the date for full-purpose annexation
- 17 postponed by written agreement between the municipality and a
- 18 majority of the affected landowners. A written agreement to waive
- 19 the municipality's obligation to annex the area for full purposes
- 20 binds all future owners of land annexed for limited purposes
- 21 pursuant to that waiver.
- 22 SECTION 25. Sections 43.141(a) and (b), Local Government
- 23 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 24 (a) A majority of the qualified voters of an annexed area
- 25 may petition the governing body of the municipality to disannex the
- 26 area if the municipality fails or refuses to provide services or to
- 27 cause services to be provided to the area as described by the

- 1 written agreement under Section 43.0212 or the resolution under
- 2 Section 43.0512 or 43.0612, as applicable [within the period
- 3 specified by Section 43.056 or by the service plan prepared for the
- 4 area under that section].
- 5 (b) If the governing body fails or refuses to disannex the
- 6 area within 60 days after the date of the receipt of the petition,
- 7 any one or more of the signers of the petition may bring a cause of
- 8 action in a district court of the county in which the area is
- 9 principally located to request that the area be disannexed. On the
- 10 filing of an answer by the governing body, and on application of
- 11 either party, the case shall be advanced and heard without further
- 12 delay in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The
- 13 district court shall enter an order disannexing the area if the
- 14 court finds that a valid petition was filed with the municipality
- 15 and that the municipality failed to perform [its obligations in
- 16 accordance with the service plan or failed to perform] in good
- 17 faith.
- 18 SECTION 26. Section 43.201(2), Local Government Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 (2) "Limited-purpose annexation" means annexation
- 21 authorized under <u>former</u> Section 43.121, as that section existed on
- 22 January 1, 2017.
- SECTION 27. Section 43.203(a), Local Government Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 (a) This section applies only to the [The] governing body of
- 26 a district that by resolution petitioned [may petition] a
- 27 municipality to alter the annexation status of land in the district

- 1 from full-purpose annexation to limited-purpose annexation and
- 2 before September 1, 2017:
- 3 (1) entered into an agreement to alter the status of
- 4 annexation as provided by this section; or
- 5 (2) had its status automatically altered by operation
- 6 of Subsection (c).
- 7 SECTION 28. Section 43.905(a), Local Government Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 (a) A municipality that proposes to annex an area shall
- 10 provide written notice of the proposed annexation to each public
- 11 school district located in the area proposed for annexation within
- 12 the period prescribed for <u>providing</u> [<del>publishing</del>] the notice of the
- 13 first hearing under Section 43.0212, 43.0513, [43.0561] or 43.0613
- [43.063], as applicable.
- 15 SECTION 29. Section 775.0754(d), Health and Safety Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (d) A municipality that enters into an agreement under this
- 18 section is not required to provide emergency services in that
- 19 annexed territory. To the extent of a conflict between this
- 20 subsection and [Section 43.056, Local Government Code, or] any
- 21 other law, this subsection controls.
- SECTION 30. Section 3833.209(e), Special District Local
- 23 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (e) The terms and conditions of the negotiated service plan
- 25 bind the city for the period provided by Section 43.056(1), Local
- 26 Government Code, as that section existed on January 1, 2017, and the
- 27 developer, the developer's heirs, successors, and assigns, and any

- 1 person taking title to all or a portion of the property annexed
- 2 under the annexation petition for that period.
- 3 SECTION 31. Section 8489.109, Special District Local Laws
- 4 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 8489.109. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ADJACENT TO DISTRICT.
- 6 For the purposes of any [Section 43.021(2), Local Government Code,
- 7 or other] law, including a municipal charter or ordinance relating
- 8 to annexation, an area adjacent to the district or any new district
- 9 created by the division of the district is considered adjacent to a
- 10 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
- 11 jurisdiction any of the land in the area described by Section 2 of
- 12 the Act enacting this chapter is located.
- 13 SECTION 32. Section 9038.110, Special District Local Laws
- 14 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 9038.110. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ADJACENT TO DISTRICT.
- 16 For the purposes of any [Section 43.021(2), Local Government Code,
- 17 or other] law, including a municipal charter or ordinance relating
- 18 to annexation, an area adjacent to the district or any new district
- 19 created by the division of the district is considered adjacent to a
- 20 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
- 21 jurisdiction any of the land in the area described by Section 2 of
- 22 the Act creating this chapter is located.
- SECTION 33. Section 9039.110, Special District Local Laws
- 24 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 9039.110. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ADJACENT TO DISTRICT.
- 26 For the purposes of any [Section 43.021(2), Local Government Code,
- 27 or other] law, including a municipal charter or ordinance relating

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- 4 jurisdiction any of the land in the area described by Section 2 of
- 5 the Act creating this chapter is located.
- 6 SECTION 34. (a) Sections 42.0411, 43.022, 43.023, 43.024,
- 7 43.025, 43.028, 43.030, 43.032, 43.033, 43.034, 43.035(c), 43.036,
- 8 43.052, 43.053, 43.0545, 43.0546, 43.055, 43.056, 43.0561,
- 9 43.0562, 43.0563, 43.0564, 43.0565, 43.0567, 43.057, 43.061,
- 10 43.062, 43.063, 43.064, 43.065, 43.071(d), (f), and (g), 43.072(c),
- 11 (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m), 43.0751(o), 43.0752,
- 12 43.101(c), 43.102(c), 43.1025(e), 43.103, 43.105, 43.121, 43.122,
- 13 43.123, 43.124, 43.125, 43.126, 43.129, 43.132, 43.147, and 43.906,
- 14 Local Government Code, are repealed.
- 15 (b) Subchapter Y, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is
- 16 repealed.
- 17 (c) Sections 8374.252(a), 8375.252(a), 8376.252(a),
- 18 8377.252(a), 8378.252(a), 8382.252(a), 8383.252(a), 8384.252(a),
- 19 8385.252(a), and 8477.302(a), Special District Local Laws Code, are
- 20 repealed.
- 21 (d) Section 5.701(n)(6), Water Code, is repealed.
- 22 SECTION 35. The governing body of a municipality that has
- 23 designated any part of its extraterritorial jurisdiction as an
- 24 industrial district under Section 42.044, Local Government Code,
- 25 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act may annex all or
- 26 part of the designated area pursuant to the authority granted by the
- 27 municipality's home-rule charter. Notwithstanding Section 43.021,

Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, the authority of a municipality to annex all or part of the area described by this section is governed solely by the municipality's home-rule charter and is not subject to any restrictions or procedural requirements imposed by Chapter 43, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act.

7 SECTION 36. The changes in law made by this Act do not apply the subject of an agreement between a 8 an area that is 9 municipality with a population between 1.3 million and 1.5 million and a municipality with a population between 18,050 and 18,200 that 10 11 contains a plan that is approved by the municipalities before the effective date of this Act for phased boundary adjustments between 12 13 the municipalities, releases of extraterritorial jurisdiction by 14 the more populous municipality, and annexations by the less populous municipality. A municipal boundary adjustment, release of 15 16 extraterritorial jurisdiction, or annexation contained in a plan under an agreement described by this section is governed by the law 17 in effect at the time the agreement was approved by the 18 municipalities, and the former law is continued in effect for that 19 20 purpose.

SECTION 37. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the annexation of an area that is not final on the effective date of this Act. An annexation of an area that was final before the effective date of this Act is governed by those portions of Chapter 43, Local Government Code, that relate to post-annexation procedures and requirements in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for

- 1 that purpose.
- 2 SECTION 38. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.