

1-1 By: Shine (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 2956
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
 1-3 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to municipal annexation of an area adjacent to contiguous
 1-20 or connecting railroad rights-of-way.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,
 1-23 is amended by adding Section 43.1057 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 43.1057. ANNEXATION OF AREA ADJACENT TO CONTIGUOUS OR
 1-25 CONNECTING RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. (a) Notwithstanding any other
 1-26 law, a municipality that is annexing an area under Subchapter C-3,
 1-27 C-4, C-5, or D may also annex with the initial area an additional
 1-28 area if:

1-29 (1) the area is adjacent to a right-of-way of a railway
 1-30 line, spur, or other railroad property that is:

1-31 (A) contiguous and runs parallel to the
 1-32 municipality's boundaries; and

1-33 (B) contiguous to the area being annexed under
 1-34 Subchapter C-3, C-4, C-5, or D; and

1-35 (2) each owner of the area agrees to the annexation by
 1-36 the municipality.

1-37 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a) or other law with a
 1-38 municipal boundary contiguous requirement, including a municipal
 1-39 charter or ordinance, an area adjacent or contiguous to the initial
 1-40 area being annexed under Subsection (a) is considered adjacent and
 1-41 contiguous to the annexing municipality.

1-42 (c) Section 43.054 does not apply to the annexation under
 1-43 this section of the additional area described by Subsection (a).

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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