By: Dean, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton)

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April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.) COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-14	Parker	Χ			
1-15	Paxton	Χ			
1-16	West		X		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the municipal disannexation of certain areas annexed during a certain period of time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1463 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1463. DISANNEXATION OF AREAS ANNEXED TRANSITION FROM NONCONSENT TO CONSENT ANNEXATION MODEL. (a) section applies only to an area:

for which an annexation was:

(A) initiated by a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more; and

(B) finalized for full purposes between March 3, 2015, and December 1, 2017; and

that had a population of greater than zero on the (2) date the area was annexed.

This section does not apply to a municipality: (b)

(1) whose extraterritorial jurisdiction is to or includes all or part of a federal military installation in active use as of May 1, 2023; or (2) in which all

or part federal military installation in active use as of May 1, 2023, is located.

A municipality shall hold an election in described by Subsection (a) on the question of disannexing the area from the municipality. The municipality:

(1) may not use public money on promotional campaigns or advocacy related to the election; and

(2) shall ensure that the ballot proposition for the election:

describes the area to be disannexed;

identifies the area by the commonly used name (B) of the area, if applicable;

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(C) identifies the entities that will provide law enforcement, fire, and emergency services after disannexation;

describes the effect of disannexation on D)

valorem taxes and fees in the area; and

(E) describes the effect of disannexation

special districts located in the area.

1-55 1-56 (d) A municipality shall disannex an area described by 1-57 Subsection (a), including residential and commercial property in the area, if the voters approve the disannexation in the election 1-58 1-59 held under Subsection (c).

1-60 A municipality (e) shall retain ownership of infrastructure, including a water treatment and storage facility, 1-61

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transferred to the municipality from a special district as part of 2-1 2-2 the annexation of an area disannexed under this section.

After an area is disannexed under this section:

(1) a special district located in and serving the area may be dissolved only if the members of the governing body of the district elect to dissolve the district after the disannexation; and

(2) an emergency services district located in or adjacent to the area shall provide services to the area.

(g) A disannexation under this section does not authorize the impairment of a municipal debt obligation and, to the extent applicable, the area is not released from its pro rata share of that indebtedness. The municipality shall continue to impose a property tax each year on the property in the area at the same rate that is imposed on other property in the municipality until the taxes collected from the area equal its pro rata share of the indebtedness. Those taxes may be charged only with the cost of imposing and collecting the taxes, and the taxes shall be applied exclusively to the payment of the pro rata share of the indebtedness. This subsection does not prevent the inhabitants of of the the area from paying in full at any time their pro rata share of indebtedness.

(h) Section 43.148 does not apply to an area disannexed under this section.

municipality required to hold an election SECTION 2. A under Section 43.1463(c), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, shall hold the election on the first uniform election date after the effective date of this Act that allows sufficient time to

comply with any requirements of law.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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