

1-1 By: King S.B. No. 1965
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
1-4 April 30, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 30, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Bettencourt	X			
1-10	Middleton	X			
1-11	Cook	X			
1-12	Gutierrez			X	
1-13	Nichols	X			
1-14	Paxton	X			
1-15	West	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1965 By: Paxton

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to requirements for the addition of noncontiguous
1-20 territory to certain special districts.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 49.302(d), Water Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (d) The secretary of the board shall issue a notice setting
1-25 forth the time and place of the hearing and describing the area
1-26 proposed to be annexed. Notice of the hearing shall be given:

1-27 (1) by posting copies of the notice in three public
1-28 places in the district and in one public place in the area proposed
1-29 to be annexed for at least 14 days before the day of the hearing;

1-30 (2) ~~and~~ by publishing a copy of the notice in a
1-31 newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which
1-32 the area proposed to be annexed is located one time at least 14 days
1-33 before the day of the hearing; and

1-34 (3) if applicable, in the manner prescribed by Section
1-35 49.3021.

1-36 SECTION 2. Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended
1-37 by adding Section 49.3021 to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 49.3021. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
1-39 PETITIONS TO ADD LAND TO CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) This section
1-40 applies only to a district governed by:

1-41 (1) Chapter 51, 53, 54, 55, or 65 of this code; or

1-42 (2) Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

1-43 (b) This section applies only to a petition filed under
1-44 Section 49.302 for the annexation of land that is:

1-45 (1) noncontiguous to the district;

1-46 (2) located more than three miles from the boundaries
1-47 of the district at the time the petition is filed; and

1-48 (3) located in a county other than any county in which
1-49 the district is located.

1-50 (c) A district that receives a petition described by
1-51 Subsection (b), in addition to the notice requirements under
1-52 Section 49.302, shall provide notice of the hearing:

1-53 (1) in the manner required for notice of a regular
1-54 district meeting;

1-55 (2) unless notice is waived by the county, to the
1-56 county clerk of the county in which the land proposed to be annexed
1-57 is located not later than the 30th day before the date of the
1-58 hearing; and

1-59 (3) unless notice is waived by an owner, to each owner,
1-60 other than a petitioner, of taxable property as shown by the most

recent certified tax roll of the applicable central appraisal district in the area proposed to be annexed by certified mail not later than the 14th day before the date of the hearing.

(d) On the request of the commissioners court of the county in which the land proposed to be annexed is located, a petitioner under this section shall submit to the commissioners court the petition and any other relevant information reasonably requested by the commissioners court relating to the proposed addition for review. The board may not receive the proposed area as an addition to the district if the petitioner does not comply with the request of the county.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a petition submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. A petition submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the petition was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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