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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedures for municipal annexations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.003. LIMITED PURPOSE ANNEXATION GENERALLY PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. (a) Except as provided by Section 43.0751, beginning September 1, 2015, a municipality may not annex an area for the limited purposes of applying its planning, zoning, health, and safety ordinances in the area.

(b) This section supersedes any municipal charter provision that conflicts with this section.

SECTION 2. Section 43.051, Local Government Code, is transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, redesignated as Section 43.0211, Local Government Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.0211 [43.051]. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX LIMITED TO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. A municipality may annex area only in the municipality's [its] extraterritorial jurisdiction unless the municipality owns the area.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, 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) A municipality may annex an area if each

1 owner of land in the area requests the annexation.

2 (b) If a municipality elects to annex an area under this  
3 section, the governing body of the municipality must first  
4 negotiate and enter into a written agreement for the provision of  
5 services in the area with the owners of land in the area. The  
6 municipality is not required to provide a service that is not  
7 included in the agreement.

8 (c) Before a municipality may annex an area under this  
9 section, the governing body of the municipality must conduct at  
10 least two public hearings. The hearings must be conducted not less  
11 than 10 business days apart. During the first public hearing, the  
12 governing body must provide persons interested in the annexation  
13 the opportunity to be heard. During the final public hearing, the  
14 governing body may adopt an ordinance annexing the area.

15 SECTION 4. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local  
16 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 SUBCHAPTER C. ANNEXATION OF AREAS WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN  
18 200 [~~PROCEDURE FOR AREAS ANNEXED UNDER MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN~~]

19 SECTION 5. Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,  
20 is amended by adding Sections 43.0511 through 43.0517 to read as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 43.0511. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX. A municipality may annex  
23 an area with a population of less than 200 only if the municipality  
24 obtains consent to annex the area through a petition signed by:

25 (1) more than 50 percent of the registered voters of  
26 the area; and

27 (2) if the registered voters of the area do not own

1 more than 50 percent of the land in the area, more than 50 percent of  
2 the owners of land in the area.

3 Sec. 43.0512. RESOLUTION. The governing body of the  
4 municipality that proposes to annex an area under this subchapter  
5 must adopt a resolution that includes:

6 (1) a statement of the municipality's intent to annex  
7 the area;

8 (2) a detailed description and map of the area to be  
9 annexed; and

10 (3) a description of the services to be provided by the  
11 municipality in the area after the annexation, including, as  
12 applicable:

13 (A) police protection;

14 (B) fire protection;

15 (C) emergency medical services;

16 (D) solid waste collection;

17 (E) operation and maintenance of water and  
18 wastewater facilities in the annexed area;

19 (F) operation and maintenance of roads and  
20 streets, including road and street lighting;

21 (G) operation and maintenance of parks,  
22 playgrounds, and swimming pools; and

23 (H) operation and maintenance of any other  
24 publicly owned facility, building, or service.

25 Sec. 43.0513. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION. Not later  
26 than the seventh day after the date the governing body of the  
27 municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0512, the

1 municipality must mail to each resident in the area notification of  
2 the proposed annexation that includes:

3 (1) notice of the public hearing required by Section  
4 43.0514;

5 (2) an explanation of the 60-day petition period  
6 described by Section 43.0515; and

7 (3) a description of services to be provided by the  
8 municipality in the area after the annexation.

9 Sec. 43.0514. INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING. The governing body  
10 of a municipality must conduct at least one public hearing not  
11 earlier than the 21st day and not later than the 30th day after the  
12 date the governing body adopts the resolution under Section  
13 43.0512.

14 Sec. 43.0515. PETITION. (a) The petition required by  
15 Section 43.0511 may be signed only by a registered voter of the area  
16 or an owner of land in the area. The petition must provide for the  
17 person signing to state whether the person is signing as a  
18 registered voter of the area, as an owner of land in the area, or as  
19 both.

20 (b) The municipality may collect signatures on the petition  
21 only during the period beginning on the 31st day after the date the  
22 governing body of the municipality adopts the resolution under  
23 Section 43.0512 and ending on the 90th day after the date the  
24 resolution is adopted.

25 (c) The petition must clearly state that a person signing  
26 the petition is consenting to the proposed annexation.

27 (d) The petition must include a map of and describe the area

1 proposed to be annexed.

2 (e) The municipality must collect petition signatures in  
3 person, except that the municipality may provide for an owner of  
4 land in the area that is not a resident of the area to sign the  
5 petition electronically.

6 (f) Chapter 277, Election Code, applies to a petition under  
7 this section.

8 Sec. 43.0516. RESULTS OF PETITION. (a) When the petition  
9 period prescribed by Section 43.0515 ends, the petition shall be  
10 verified by the municipal secretary or other person responsible for  
11 verifying signatures. The municipality must notify the residents  
12 of the area proposed to be annexed of the results of the petition.

13 (b) If the municipality does not obtain the number of  
14 signatures on the petition required to annex the area, the  
15 municipality may not annex the area and may not adopt another  
16 resolution under Section 43.0512 to annex the same area until the  
17 first anniversary of the date the petition period ended.

18 (c) If the municipality obtains the number of signatures on  
19 the petition required to annex the area, the municipality may annex  
20 the area after:

21 (1) providing notice under Subsection (a);

22 (2) holding a public hearing at which members of the  
23 public are given an opportunity to be heard; and

24 (3) holding a final hearing not earlier than the 10th  
25 day after the date of the public hearing under Subdivision (2) at  
26 which the ordinance annexing the area may be adopted.

27 Sec. 43.0517. VOTER APPROVAL BY MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS ON

1 PETITION. Notwithstanding Section 43.0516, a municipality may not  
2 annex an area under this subchapter without approval of a majority  
3 of the voters voting at an election called and held for that purpose  
4 if a petition protesting the annexation is signed by a number of  
5 registered voters of the municipality equal to at least 50 percent  
6 of the number of voters who voted in the most recent municipal  
7 election and is received by the secretary of the municipality  
8 before the date the petition period prescribed by Section 43.0515  
9 ends.

10 SECTION 6. The heading to Subchapter C-1, Chapter 43, Local  
11 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 SUBCHAPTER C-1. ANNEXATION OF AREAS WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST  
13 200 [~~PROCEDURE FOR AREAS EXEMPTED FROM MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN~~]

14 SECTION 7. Subchapter C-1, Chapter 43, Local Government  
15 Code, is amended by adding Sections 43.0611 through 43.0618 to read  
16 as follows:

17 Sec. 43.0611. AUTHORITY TO ANNEX. A municipality may annex  
18 an area with a population of 200 or more only if the following  
19 conditions are met, as applicable:

20 (1) the municipality holds an election in the area  
21 proposed to be annexed at which the qualified voters of the area may  
22 vote on the question of the annexation, and a majority of the votes  
23 received at the election approve the annexation; and

24 (2) if the registered voters of the area do not own  
25 more than 50 percent of the land in the area, the municipality  
26 obtains consent to annex the area through a petition signed by more  
27 than 50 percent of the owners of land in the area.

1       Sec. 43.0612. RESOLUTION. The governing body of the  
2 municipality that proposes to annex an area under this subchapter  
3 must adopt a resolution that includes:

4           (1) a statement of the municipality's intent to annex  
5 the area;

6           (2) a detailed description and map of the area to be  
7 annexed; and

8           (3) a description of the services to be provided by the  
9 municipality in the area after the annexation, including, as  
10 applicable:

11                   (A) police protection;

12                   (B) fire protection;

13                   (C) emergency medical services;

14                   (D) solid waste collection;

15                   (E) operation and maintenance of water and  
16 wastewater facilities in the annexed area;

17                   (F) operation and maintenance of roads and  
18 streets, including road and street lighting;

19                   (G) operation and maintenance of parks,  
20 playgrounds, and swimming pools; and

21                   (H) operation and maintenance of any other  
22 publicly owned facility, building, or service.

23       Sec. 43.0613. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION. Not later  
24 than the seventh day after the date the governing body of the  
25 municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0612, the  
26 municipality must mail to each property owner in the area  
27 notification of the proposed annexation that includes:

1           (1) notice of the public hearing required by Section  
2 43.0614;

3           (2) notice that an election on the question of  
4 annexing the area will be held; and

5           (3) a description of services to be provided by the  
6 municipality in the area after the annexation.

7           Sec. 43.0614. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (a) The governing body of  
8 a municipality must conduct at least one public hearing not earlier  
9 than the 21st day and not later than the 30th day after the date the  
10 governing body adopts the resolution under Section 43.0612.

11           (b) The governing body must conduct an additional public  
12 hearing not earlier than the 31st day and not later than the 90th  
13 day after the date the governing body adopts a resolution under  
14 Section 43.0612.

15           Sec. 43.0615. PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN  
16 AREAS. (a) If the registered voters in the area to be annexed do  
17 not own more than 50 percent of the land in the area, the  
18 municipality must obtain consent to the annexation through a  
19 petition signed by more than 50 percent of the owners of land in the  
20 area in addition to the election required by this subchapter.

21           (b) The municipality must obtain the consent required by  
22 this section through the petition process prescribed by Section  
23 43.0515, and the petition must be verified in the manner provided by  
24 Section 43.0516(a).

25           Sec. 43.0616. ELECTION. (a) A municipality shall order an  
26 election on the question of annexing an area to be held on the first  
27 uniform election date that falls on or after:

1           (1) the 90th day after the date the governing body of  
2 the municipality adopts the resolution under Section 43.0612; or

3           (2) if the consent of the owners of land in the area is  
4 required under Section 43.0615, the 78th day after the date the  
5 petition period to obtain that consent ends.

6           (b) An election under this section shall be held in the same  
7 manner as general elections of the municipality. The municipality  
8 shall pay for the costs of holding the election.

9           (c) A municipality that holds an election under this section  
10 may not hold another election on the question of annexation before  
11 the corresponding uniform election date of the following year.

12           Sec. 43.0617. RESULTS OF ELECTION AND PETITION.

13           (a) Following an election held under this subchapter, the  
14 municipality must notify the residents of the area proposed to be  
15 annexed of the results of the election and, if applicable, of the  
16 petition required by Section 43.0615.

17           (b) If at the election held under this subchapter a majority  
18 of qualified voters do not approve the proposed annexation, or if  
19 the municipality is required to petition owners of land in the area  
20 under Section 43.0615 and does not obtain the required number of  
21 signatures, the municipality may not annex the area and may not  
22 adopt another resolution under Section 43.0612 to annex the same  
23 area until the first anniversary of the date of the adoption of the  
24 resolution.

25           (c) If at the election held under this subchapter a majority  
26 of qualified voters approve the proposed annexation, and if the  
27 municipality, as applicable, obtains the required number of

1 petition signatures under Section 43.0615, the municipality may  
2 annex the area after:

3 (1) providing notice under Subsection (a);

4 (2) holding a public hearing at which members of the  
5 public are given an opportunity to be heard; and

6 (3) holding a final hearing not earlier than the 10th  
7 day after the date of the public hearing under Subdivision (2) at  
8 which the ordinance annexing the area may be adopted.

9 Sec. 43.0618. VOTER APPROVAL BY MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS ON  
10 PETITION. Notwithstanding Section 43.0617, a municipality may not  
11 annex an area under this subchapter without approval of a majority  
12 of the voters voting at an election called and held for that purpose  
13 if a petition protesting the annexation is signed by a number of  
14 registered voters of the municipality equal to at least 50 percent  
15 of the number of voters who voted in the most recent municipal  
16 election and is received by the secretary of the municipality  
17 before the date the election required by this subchapter is held.

18 SECTION 8. Section 43.071(e), Local Government Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (e) Subsections (b) and (c) [~~(b)-(d)~~] do not apply to the  
21 annexation of:

22 (1) an area within a water or sewer district if:

23 (A) the governing body of the district consents  
24 to the annexation;

25 (B) the owners in fee simple of the area to be  
26 annexed consent to the annexation; and

27 (C) the annexed area does not exceed 525 feet in

1 width at its widest point;

2 (2) a water or sewer district that has a noncontiguous  
3 part that is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the  
4 municipality; or

5 (3) a part of a special utility district created or  
6 operating under Chapter 65, Water Code.

7 SECTION 9. Section 43.0715(c), Local Government Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (c) At the time notice of the municipality's intent to annex  
10 the land within the district is first published [~~in accordance with~~  
11 ~~Section 43.052~~], the municipality shall proceed to initiate and  
12 complete a report for each developer conducted in accordance with  
13 the format approved by the Texas [~~Natural Resource Conservation~~  
14 Commission on Environmental Quality] for audits. In the event the  
15 municipality is unable to complete the report prior to the  
16 effective date of the annexation as a result of the developer's  
17 failure to provide information to the municipality which cannot be  
18 obtained from other sources, the municipality shall obtain from the  
19 district the estimated costs of each project previously undertaken  
20 by a developer which are eligible for reimbursement. The amount of  
21 such costs, as estimated by the district, shall be escrowed by the  
22 municipality for the benefit of the persons entitled to receive  
23 payment in an insured interest-bearing account with a financial  
24 institution authorized to do business in the state. To compensate  
25 the developer for the municipality's use of the infrastructure  
26 facilities pending the determination of the reimbursement amount or  
27 federal preclearance, all interest accrued on the escrowed funds

1 shall be paid to the developer whether or not the annexation is  
2 valid. Upon placement of the funds in the escrow account, the  
3 annexation may become effective. In the event a municipality  
4 timely escrows all estimated reimbursable amounts as required by  
5 this subsection and all such amounts, determined to be owed,  
6 including interest, are subsequently disbursed to the developer  
7 within five days of final determination in immediately available  
8 funds as required by this section, no penalties or interest shall  
9 accrue during the pendency of the escrow. Either the municipality  
10 or developer may, by written notice to the other party, require  
11 disputes regarding the amount owed under this section to be subject  
12 to nonbinding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the  
13 American Arbitration Association.

14 SECTION 10. Section 43.072(d), Local Government Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (d) Annexation of area under this section is exempt from the  
17 provisions of this chapter that prohibit:

18 (1) a municipality from annexing area outside its  
19 extraterritorial jurisdiction; or

20 (2) ~~[annexation of area narrower than the minimum~~  
21 ~~width prescribed by Section 43.054, or~~

22 [~~3~~] reduction of the extraterritorial jurisdiction  
23 of a municipality without the written consent of the municipality's  
24 governing body.

25 SECTION 11. Sections 43.0751(b), (d), and (h), Local  
26 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

27 (b) The governing bodies of a municipality and a district

1 may negotiate and enter into a written strategic partnership  
2 agreement for the district by mutual consent. The governing body of  
3 a municipality, on written request from a district located in the  
4 municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction [~~included in the~~  
5 ~~municipality's annexation plan under Section 43.052~~], may [~~shall~~]  
6 negotiate and enter into a written strategic partnership agreement  
7 with the district. [~~A district included in a municipality's~~  
8 ~~annexation plan under Section 43.052.~~

9           [~~(1) may not submit its written request before the~~  
10 ~~date of the second hearing required under Section 43.0561; and~~

11           [~~(2) must submit its written request before the 61st~~  
12 ~~day after the date of the second hearing required under Section~~  
13 ~~43.0561.~~]

14           (d) Before the governing body of a municipality or a  
15 district adopts a strategic partnership agreement, it shall conduct  
16 two public hearings at which members of the public who wish to  
17 present testimony or evidence regarding the proposed agreement  
18 shall be given the opportunity to do so. Notice of public hearings  
19 conducted by the governing body of a municipality under this  
20 subsection shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation  
21 in the municipality and in the district[~~. The notice must be in the~~  
22 ~~format prescribed by Section 43.123(b)~~] and must be published at  
23 least once on or after the 20th day before the [~~each~~] date of each  
24 hearing. The notice may not be smaller than one-quarter page of a  
25 standard-size or tabloid-size newspaper, and the headline on the  
26 notice must be in 18-point or larger type. Notice of public  
27 hearings conducted by the governing body of a district under this

1 subsection shall be given in accordance with the district's  
2 notification procedures for other matters of public importance.  
3 Any notice of a public hearing conducted under this subsection  
4 shall contain a statement of the purpose of the hearing, the date,  
5 time, and place of the hearing, and the location where copies of the  
6 proposed agreement may be obtained prior to the hearing. The  
7 governing bodies of a municipality and a district may conduct joint  
8 public hearings under this subsection, provided that at least one  
9 public hearing is conducted within the district.

10 (h) On the full-purpose annexation conversion date set  
11 forth in the strategic partnership agreement pursuant to Subsection  
12 (f)(5) [~~(f)(5)(A)~~], the land included within the boundaries of the  
13 district shall be deemed to be within the full-purpose boundary  
14 limits of the municipality without the need for further action by  
15 the governing body of the municipality. The full-purpose  
16 annexation conversion date established by a strategic partnership  
17 agreement may be altered only by mutual agreement of the district  
18 and the municipality. However, nothing herein shall prevent the  
19 municipality from terminating the agreement and instituting  
20 proceedings to annex the district, on request by the governing body  
21 of the district, on any date prior to the full-purpose annexation  
22 conversion date established by the strategic partnership  
23 agreement. [~~Land annexed for limited or full purposes under this~~  
24 ~~section shall not be included in calculations prescribed by Section~~  
25 ~~43.055(a).~~]

26 SECTION 12. Section [43.07515\(a\)](#), Local Government Code, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) A municipality may not regulate under Section 43.0751  
2 [~~or 43.0752~~] the sale, use, storage, or transportation of fireworks  
3 outside of the municipality's boundaries.

4 SECTION 13. Section 43.102(d), Local Government Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (d) The municipality may annex the area even if the area is  
7 outside the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction or[~~or~~] is  
8 in another municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction[~~, or is~~  
9 ~~narrower than the minimum width prescribed by Section 43.054.~~  
10 ~~Section 43.055, which relates to the amount of area a municipality~~  
11 ~~may annex in a calendar year, does not apply to the annexation].~~

12 SECTION 14. Section 43.1025(c), Local Government Code, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (c) Annexation of the [~~The~~] area described by Subsection (b)  
15 [~~may be annexed without the consent of the owners or residents of~~  
16 ~~the area, but the annexation~~] may not occur unless each  
17 municipality in whose extraterritorial jurisdiction the area may be  
18 located:

19 (1) consents to the annexation; and

20 (2) reduces its extraterritorial jurisdiction over  
21 the area as provided by Section 42.023.

22 SECTION 15. Subchapter F, Chapter 43, Local Government  
23 Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1211 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 43.1211. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to an  
25 area that was annexed for a limited purpose as authorized before  
26 September 1, 2015.

27 SECTION 16. Section 43.127(a), Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) On [~~Except as provided by Section 43.123(e), on~~] or  
3 before the date prescribed by the regulatory plan prepared for the  
4 limited purpose area [~~under Section 43.123(d)(2)~~], the  
5 municipality must annex the area for full purposes. [~~This~~  
6 ~~requirement may be waived and the date for full-purpose annexation~~  
7 ~~postponed by written agreement between the municipality and a~~  
8 ~~majority of the affected landowners. A written agreement to waive~~  
9 ~~the municipality's obligation to annex the area for full purposes~~  
10 ~~binds all future owners of land annexed for limited purposes~~  
11 ~~pursuant to that waiver.~~]

12 SECTION 17. Sections 43.141(a) and (b), Local Government  
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a) A majority of the qualified voters of an annexed area  
15 may petition the governing body of the municipality to disannex the  
16 area if the municipality fails or refuses to provide services or to  
17 cause services to be provided to the area [~~within the period~~  
18 ~~specified by Section 43.056 or by the service plan prepared for the~~  
19 ~~area under that section~~].

20 (b) If the governing body fails or refuses to disannex the  
21 area within 60 days after the date of the receipt of the petition,  
22 any one or more of the signers of the petition may bring a cause of  
23 action in a district court of the county in which the area is  
24 principally located to request that the area be disannexed. On the  
25 filing of an answer by the governing body, and on application of  
26 either party, the case shall be advanced and heard without further  
27 delay in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The

1 district court shall enter an order disannexing the area if the  
2 court finds that a valid petition was filed with the municipality  
3 and that the municipality failed to perform [~~its obligations in~~  
4 ~~accordance with the service plan or failed to perform~~] in good  
5 faith.

6 SECTION 18. Section 43.201(2), Local Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (2) "Limited-purpose annexation" means annexation  
9 authorized under former Section 43.121, as that section existed on  
10 January 1, 2015.

11 SECTION 19. Section 43.203(a), Local Government Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) This section applies only to the [~~The~~] governing body of  
14 a district that by resolution petitioned [~~may petition~~] a  
15 municipality to alter the annexation status of land in the district  
16 from full-purpose annexation to limited-purpose annexation and  
17 before September 1, 2015:

18 (1) entered into an agreement to alter the status of  
19 annexation as provided by this section; or

20 (2) had its status automatically altered by operation  
21 of Subsection (c).

22 SECTION 20. Section 43.905(a), Local Government Code, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) A municipality that proposes to annex an area shall  
25 provide written notice of the proposed annexation to each public  
26 school district located in the area proposed for annexation within  
27 the period prescribed for publishing the notice of the first

1 hearing under Section 43.0212, 43.0514, [43.0561] or 43.0614  
2 [43.063], as applicable.

3 SECTION 21. Section 775.0754(d), Health and Safety Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (d) A municipality that enters into an agreement under this  
6 section is not required to provide emergency services in that  
7 annexed territory. To the extent of a conflict between this  
8 subsection and [~~Section 43.056, Local Government Code, or~~] any  
9 other law, this subsection controls.

10 SECTION 22. (a) Sections 42.0411, 43.021, 43.022, 43.023,  
11 43.024, 43.025, 43.030, 43.032, 43.033, 43.034, 43.035(c), 43.036,  
12 43.052, 43.053, 43.054, 43.0545, 43.0546, 43.055, 43.056, 43.0561,  
13 43.0562, 43.0563, 43.0564, 43.0565, 43.0567, 43.057, 43.061,  
14 43.062, 43.063, 43.064, 43.065, 43.071(d), (f), and (g), 43.072(c),  
15 (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m), 43.0751(o), 43.0752,  
16 43.101(c) and (d), 43.102(c), 43.1025(e) and (g), 43.103, 43.105,  
17 43.121, 43.122, 43.123, 43.124, 43.125, 43.126, 43.129, 43.131,  
18 43.132, and 43.147, Local Government Code, are repealed.

19 (b) Subchapter Y, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is  
20 repealed.

21 (c) Sections 8374.252(a), 8375.252(a), 8376.252(a),  
22 8377.252(a), 8378.252(a), 8382.252(a), 8383.252(a), 8384.252(a),  
23 8385.252(a), and 8477.302(a), Special District Local Laws Code, are  
24 repealed.

25 SECTION 23. The changes in law made by this Act do not apply  
26 to an annexation for which the first hearing notice required by  
27 former Section 43.0561 or 43.063, Local Government Code, as

1 applicable, was published before the effective date of this Act. An  
2 annexation described by this section is governed by the law in  
3 effect at the time the notice was published, and the former law is  
4 continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 24. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.