

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas allows a general-law municipality to annex adjacent territory without the consent of certain persons. Some general law cities do not provide any of their citizens with water or sewer service because the citizens of the city may wish to obtain water service from existing water control and improvement districts. H.B. 2345 would allow a general-law municipality to annex adjacent territory without the consent of certain persons if the service plan of a municipality requires the municipality to provide the area to be annexed with the same level of services available to citizens currently.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2345 outlines provisions regarding the authority of a general-law municipality to annex additional areas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 43B, Local Government Code, by adding Section 43.034, as follows:

Sec. 43.034. AUTHORITY OF GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY TO ANNEX AREA; CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. Authorizes a general-law municipality to annex adjacent territory without the consent of any of the residents or voters of the area and without the consent of any of the owners of land in the area, if certain conditions apply.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.