BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a general-law city that involuntarily annexes an area under Section 43.033, Local Government Code, may reannex that area immediately upon disannexation of the area in response to a petition by the landowners and/or voters of the area. As a result, when an area is disannexed, that area faces the possibility of being immediately reannexed. H.B. 3240 would prevent a municipality from reannexing a disannexed area within five years of the disannexation.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3240 outlines provisions regarding the disannexation of an area by a general-law municipality.

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 Section 43.033, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (b) and by adding Subsections (c)-(e), to authorize a general-law municipality (municipality) to discontinue providing the area with certain services if the municipality disannexes the area under this subsection except as provided by Subsection (e). Prohibits an area disannexed under Subsection (b), or any part of that area, from being reannexed by the municipality before the fifth anniversary of the disannexation. Prohibits a municipality from collecting any ad valorem taxes from any part of an area disannexed under Subsection (b) for the tax year in which the municipality disannexes the area. Sets forth instances in which a municipality is prohibited from discontinuing water or sewer service to an island that is disannexed.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.