

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a home-rule municipality with more than 225,000 inhabitants is authorized to annex an area only if authorized to do so under its home-rule charter. This legislation makes limited purpose annexations possible for all home-rule municipalities regardless of the home-rule charter's provisions in an effort to preempt the argument that a municipality is precluded from annexing for limited purposes due to the lack of such authority by its charter.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 704 establishes limited-purpose annexation by certain home-rule municipalities.

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 43.121(a), Local Government Code, to authorize the governing body of a home-rule municipality with more than 225,000 inhabitants by ordinance to annex an area for the limited purposes of applying its planning, zoning, health, and safety ordinances in the area. Deletes the provision authorizing annexation by a home-rule municipality only if authorized under its home rule charter to do so.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.