

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, port authorities do not have the power to prevent the annexation of land by a city or municipality. Therefore, cities and municipalities are able to use their land use powers to control and restrict development of ports. In Brazoria County, the port is a primary driver of job creation and, therefore, city control over land threatens the creation of desperately needed new jobs in the area.

H.B. 1312 requires a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 that borders the Gulf of Mexico and that seeks to annex land owned by a navigation district to have the consent of the navigation district to annex the land.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, by adding Section 43.082, as follows:

Sec. 43.082. ANNEXATION BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF LAND OWNED BY NAVIGATION DISTRICT. Requires a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 that borders the Gulf of Mexico and that seeks to annex land owned by a navigation district operating under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to have the consent of the navigation district to annex the land.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.