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| Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure | |

Research Analysis

The conference committee substitute to HB 1166 establishes that no municipality can annex more than the greater of 10 percent of its current land area or eight square miles in one area at any one time unless the municipality obtains the written consent of the owners of at least 65 percent of the acres to be annexed and 25 percent of the population to be annexed.

The measure requires a municipal service extension plan be included in the public notice both published in a newspaper and mailed to all property owners within the proposed territory to be annexed. If the extension of municipal services is not substantially complete within the allotted time, the affected owners can either petition a court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of completion of the extended municipal services or bring a process for detachment. If the governing body fails to detach, the majority of the annexed territory's registered voters can file a petition with the municipal clerk. If the governing body does not detach the annexed territory within 90 days of receipt of the filed petition, any of the petitioners can bring the petition to the district court. No owners of land detached from a municipality can petition for annexation to the municipality from which the land was detached for 10 years after detachment.

Additionally, the measure establishes that a municipality can annex territory without reaching the threshold of owners consent only if the territory to be annexed is bordered by at least 50 percent of property within municipal limits and if the governing board proves that annexation is more beneficial to owners rather than remaining detached from the municipality. Municipalities cannot annex territory in this manner more than once per year. Municipalities must provide a municipal service extension plan. Owners can refute the annexation if they can show it better benefits them to stay detached from the municipality.

Lastly, a municipality can not attach ad valorem taxes to an annexed area for a sinking fund to satisfy any judgement as provided by law if the annexed area was not part of the municipality at the time of judgement.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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