Amend CSHB 1204 as follows:

(1) Immediately following SECTION 19 of the bill (Senate committee printing page 7, between lines 60 and 61), insert the following new SECTION:

SECTION 20. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.0215 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.0215. VOTER APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION REQUIRED IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality with a population of 1.9 million or more.

(b) The municipality may not annex an area for full or limited purposes unless:

(1) the municipality holds in the area an election, at which the qualified voters of the area may vote, on the question of the annexation; and

(2) a majority of the votes received at the election approve the annexation.

(c) This section does not apply to an annexation of an area if:

(1) no qualified voters reside in the area;

(2) the annexation is authorized by or subject to another section of this chapter, other than Section 43.021; or

(3) the annexation is initiated by the municipality in response to a petition under Section 42.041.

(d) The municipality shall pay for the cost of holding the election.

(2) Immediately following SECTION 25 of the bill (Senate committee printing page 8, between lines 31 and 32), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION ____. Section 43.0215, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an annexation for which the first hearing notice required by Section 43.052, Local Government Code, is published on or after September 1, 2003. An annexation for which the first hearing notice is published before that date is governed by the law in effect at the time the notice is published, and the prior law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(3) Renumber existing SECTIONS of the bill appropriately.