

BILL ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 36
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

When a municipality formally notifies residents of its intent to annex them, those residents cannot vote in municipal elections until the annexation actually occurs.

H.J.R. 36 amends the Texas Constitution to allow the Legislature to provide by general law (H.B. 662) the ability for residents in an annexation plan to vote in municipal elections (other than bond elections) if adopted by the citizens of Texas on November 4, 2003.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11(b), Article XI, Texas Constitution to empower the Legislature to enfranchise residents of an area to be annexed once those residents have been notified of their status in a municipal annexation plan.

SECTION 2. Election date.

FOR ELECTION

November 4, 2003 if approved by the voters at a statewide election.