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H.B. No. 662

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the right of a resident of an area included in a
3 municipal annexation plan to vote in a municipal election.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local Government Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 43.0525 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 43.0525. EFFECT OF ANNEXATION PLAN ON VOTING
8 RIGHTS. (a) A resident of an area included in a municipal
9 annexation plan is entitled to vote, as if the person were a
10 resident of the municipality, in a municipal election, other than a
11 bond election, held after the municipality gives written notice to
12 any person under Section 43.052(f) that the area is included in the
13 municipality's annexation plan.

14 (b) If a municipality amends an annexation plan to exclude
15 an area, the residents of that area may not vote in a municipal
16 election held after the municipality gives written notice to any
17 person under Section 43.052(f) that the area is excluded from the
18 municipality's annexation plan.

19 (c) If a member of the municipality's governing body is
20 elected by only the voters residing in a territorial unit that does
21 not include the entire municipality, the municipality shall
22 designate in the annexation plan the territorial unit in which an
23 area proposed to be annexed will be included.

24 (d) On or after the 15th day but before the fifth day before

1 the date of the first election held in which the residents of an
2 area included in a municipal annexation plan are entitled to vote,
3 the municipality shall publish notice in the form of a quarter-page
4 advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the
5 municipality notifying the residents that they are eligible to vote
6 in the election and stating the location of all polling places for
7 the residents.

8 SECTION 2. A resident of an area included in a municipal
9 annexation plan is entitled to vote as provided by Section 43.0525,
10 Local Government Code, as added by this Act, in a municipal election
11 ordered after the effective date of this Act, regardless of when the
12 area was included in the municipal annexation plan.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.