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H.B. No. 2149

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of certain municipalities that elect the
3 members of the municipal governing body wholly or partly from
4 single-member districts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 275, Election Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 275.004 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 275.004. ELECTION FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS REQUIRED
9 FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS. An area that is located in a special district
10 and that must be included in a municipality's annexation plan as a
11 prerequisite to annexation may not be annexed by a municipality
12 with a population of more than 650,000 unless at the time the area
13 is included in the municipality's annexation plan:

14 (1) the municipality elects the members of its
15 governing body wholly or partly from single-member districts;

16 (2) the municipality provides in the annexation plan
17 for the new boundaries of the single-member districts that will be
18 used to elect the members of the municipal governing body following
19 the annexation of the area located in the special district; and

20 (3) under the boundaries proposed under Subdivision
21 (2), the area located in the special district is included entirely
22 within one single-member district.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.