

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2212  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;  
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 9, 2007, reported favorably  
1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2007, sent to  
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the authority to consolidate municipalities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 61.001, Local Government Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 61.001. AUTHORITY TO CONSOLIDATE. The following  
1-14 municipalities [~~Two or more contiguous municipalities in the same~~  
1-15 ~~county~~] may consolidate under one government in the manner provided  
1-16 by this chapter:

1-17 (1) two or more contiguous municipalities in the same  
1-18 county; or

1-19 (2) two noncontiguous municipalities located in the  
1-20 same county if:

1-21 (A) the distance between the municipalities is  
1-22 less than 2.5 miles; and

1-23 (B) each municipality is located within one mile  
1-24 of an international boundary.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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