

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3552  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties are concerned that there are municipalities with extraterritorial jurisdiction containing boundaries that were established without a formal agreement. The concerned parties note that these uncertainties inhibit growth and local control of matters within that jurisdiction. H.B. 3552 seeks to address these concerns by providing for the release of extraterritorial jurisdiction by certain municipalities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3552 amends the Local Government Code to require a municipality with an extraterritorial jurisdiction of five miles that extends across a ship channel to release from its extraterritorial jurisdiction any strip of land less than one mile in width that lies entirely between the edge of the ship channel and the municipal boundary of a second municipality whose extraterritorial jurisdiction would include the strip if not for its inclusion in the first municipality's jurisdiction. The bill establishes that the released area becomes part of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the second municipality on the release from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the first.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2013.