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H.B. No. 3550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures required for the continued annexation of certain areas annexed by certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.909 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.909. REQUIRED INCLUSION OF AREAS IN ANNEXATION PLAN OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) In this section, "strip annexation area" means an area annexed by a municipality the width of which at its widest point is less than 1,001 feet.

(b) A municipality located in a county with an international border that has annexed more than 10 miles of strip annexation area shall include in its annexation plan each area located in its extraterritorial jurisdiction by virtue of the area being adjacent to a strip annexation area that was annexed after January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2003.

(c) The annexation of an area under Subsection (b) must be completed before the 31st day after the third anniversary of the date the area was included in the annexation plan. If the annexation is not completed within the period prescribed by this subsection, the municipality shall give its written consent to release the area from the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by ordinance or resolution as provided by Section 42.023.

1           SECTION 2. On or before January 1, 2014, a municipality  
2 described by Section 43.909, Local Government Code, as added by  
3 this Act, shall amend its annexation plan to include territory as  
4 provided by Section 43.909, Local Government Code, as added by this  
5 Act.

6           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.