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H.B. No. 3552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release of extraterritorial jurisdiction by certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0252 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0252. RELEASE OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION EXTENDING ACROSS SHIP CHANNEL. (a) A municipality with an extraterritorial jurisdiction of five miles that extends across a ship channel shall 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.

(b) On the release from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality under Subsection (a), the released area becomes part of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the second municipality to the extent described by Section 42.021.

(c) This section does not apply to a municipality with a population of more than 300,000 that is located in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.