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H.B. No. 555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the width requirements for an area annexed by a municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.054, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) A municipality may not annex an area if the width of the area at the widest point exceeds the length of the area at the longest point.

(e) The prohibition established by Subsection (d) does not apply if:

(1) the boundaries of the municipality are contiguous to the area on at least two sides; or

(2) the area abuts or is contiguous to another jurisdictional boundary.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 43.054(d), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to an area proposed for annexation on or after the effective date of this Act or before the effective date of this Act if the statutory requirements for annexation under Subchapter C or C-1, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, have not been completed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 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, 2015.