

By: Nelson

S.B. No. 680

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed or  
3 owned by certain municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 251.72, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 251.72. CHANGE OF STATUS. Except as provided in  
8 Sections 251.725, 251.73, and 251.80, an authorized voting unit  
9 that has exercised or may exercise the right of local option retains  
10 the status adopted, whether absolute prohibition or legalization of  
11 the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of the various types  
12 and alcoholic contents on which an issue may be submitted under the  
13 terms of Section 501.035, Election Code, until that status is  
14 changed by a subsequent local option election in the same  
15 authorized voting unit.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 251, Alcoholic Beverage  
17 Code, is amended by adding Section 251.725 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 251.725. CHANGE OF STATUS FOR TERRITORY ANNEXED OR  
19 OWNED BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to  
20 a municipality that:

21 (1) is partially located in three counties, two of  
22 which have a population of 1.8 million or more;

23 (2) is primarily located in a county with a population  
24 of 1.8 million or more; and

1           (3) has within its boundaries all or part of an  
2 international airport operated jointly by two municipalities.

3           (b) Notwithstanding any other law:

4           (1) an area annexed to a municipality to which this  
5 section applies assumes the wet or dry status of that municipality;  
6 and

7           (2) an area contiguous to and owned by a municipality  
8 to which this section applies assumes the wet or dry status of that  
9 municipality.

10           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
11 area annexed or acquired by a municipality before, on, or after the  
12 effective date of this Act.

13           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.