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S.B. No. 465

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voting rights in the areas that are included in a municipality's annexation plan.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.0525 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.0525. VOTING RIGHTS IN AREAS INCLUDED IN MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION PLAN. (a) The qualified voters residing in an area that is included in a municipality's annexation plan under Section 43.052 are entitled to vote in municipal elections regarding the election or recall of members of the governing body of the municipality, the election or recall of the controller, if the office of controller is an elective position of the municipality, and the amendment of the municipal charter. The voters may not vote in any municipal bond election.

(b) On or after the 15th day but before the fifth day before the date of the first election held after the date a municipality adopts or amends its annexation plan to include an area, the municipality shall publish notice in the form of a quarter-page advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the area notifying the residents of the area regarding the eligibility to vote in the election and stating the location of all polling places for the residents.

(b-1) This subsection applies to an area included in a

1 municipality's annexation plan before September 1, 2017, for which
2 the annexation has not been completed. A municipality subject to
3 this subsection, on or after the 15th day but before the fifth day
4 before the date of the first election held after September 1, 2017,
5 shall publish notice in the form of a quarter-page advertisement in
6 a newspaper of general circulation in the area notifying the
7 residents of the area regarding the eligibility to vote in the
8 election and stating the location of all polling places for the
9 residents. This subsection expires September 1, 2019.

10 (c) A resident of an area described by Subsection (a) is not
11 eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to a municipal
12 office.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.