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(Bell of Montgomery)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to maps of the actual or proposed boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality and certain notices related to expanding the boundaries.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 41.001, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(a)  Each municipality shall prepare a map that shows the boundaries of the municipality and of its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The municipality shall maintain a copy of the map in a location that is easily accessible to the public, including:

(1)  [~~A copy of the map shall be kept~~] in the office of the secretary or clerk of the municipality;

(2)  if[~~. If~~] the municipality has a municipal engineer, [~~a copy of the map shall also be kept~~] in the office of the engineer; and

(3)  if the municipality maintains an Internet website, on the municipality's website.

(a-1)  A municipality shall make a copy of a map required under Subsection (a) available without charge.

(d)  In addition to the requirements of this section, a home-rule municipality shall create, or contract for the creation of, and make publicly available a digital map that complies with this section. A digital map required under this subsection must be made available without charge and in a format widely used by common geographic information system software. If the municipality maintains an Internet website, the municipality shall make the digital map available on the municipality's website.

(e)  A home-rule municipality that does not have common geographic information system software shall make the digital map available in any other widely used electronic format in accordance with Subsection (d).

SECTION 2.  Section 43.052, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) to read as follows:

(f-1)  In addition to the notice provided under Subsection (f), a home-rule municipality, before the 90th day after the date the municipality adopts or amends an annexation plan under this section, shall give written notice as provided by this subsection to each property owner in any area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction as a result of the proposed annexation. For purposes of this subsection, a property owner is the owner as indicated by the appraisal records furnished by the appraisal district for each county in which the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction is located. The notice must include:

(1)  a description of the area that has been included in the municipality's annexation plan;

(2)  a statement that the completed annexation of that area will expand the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction to include all or part of the property owner's property;

(3)  a statement of the purpose of extraterritorial jurisdiction designation as provided by Section 42.001; and

(4)  a brief description of each municipal ordinance that would be applicable, as authorized by Section 212.003, in the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

(f-2)  In addition to the notice requirements under Subsection (f), a home-rule municipality, before the 90th day after the date the municipality adopts or amends an annexation plan under this section, shall create, or contract for the creation of, and make publicly available a digital map that identifies the area proposed for annexation and any area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction as a result of the proposed annexation. A digital map required under this subsection must be made available without charge and in a format widely used by common geographic information system software or in any other widely used electronic format if the municipality does not have common geographic information system software. If the municipality maintains an Internet website, the municipality shall make the digital map available on the municipality's website.

SECTION 3.  Section 43.0561, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c)  The municipality must:

(1)  post notice of the hearings on the municipality's Internet website if the municipality has an Internet website; and

(2)  publish notice of the hearings in a newspaper of general circulation:

(A)  in the municipality;

(B)  [~~and~~] in the area proposed for annexation; and

(C)  if the municipality is a home-rule municipality, in any area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by the expansion of the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction resulting from the proposed annexation.

(d)  The notice for each hearing must be published at least once on or after the 20th day but before the 10th day before the date of the hearing. The notice for each hearing must be posted on the municipality's Internet website on or after the 20th day but before the 10th day before the date of the hearing and must remain posted until the date of the hearing.

(e)  This subsection applies only to a home-rule municipality. If applicable, the notice for each hearing must include:

(1)  a statement that the completed annexation of the area will expand the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

(2)  a description of the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

(3)  a statement of the purpose of extraterritorial jurisdiction designation as provided by Section 42.001; and

(4)  a brief description of each municipal ordinance that would be applicable, as authorized by Section 212.003, in the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

(f)  In addition to the notice required by Subsection (c), the [~~The~~] municipality must give [~~additional~~] notice by certified mail to:

(1)  each public entity, as defined by Section 43.053, and utility service provider that provides services in the area proposed for annexation; and

(2)  each railroad company that serves the municipality and is on the municipality's tax roll if the company's right-of-way is in the area proposed for annexation.

SECTION 4.  Section 43.063, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c)  The municipality must:

(1)  post notice of the hearings on the municipality's Internet website if the municipality has an Internet website; and

(2)  publish notice of the hearings in a newspaper of general circulation:

(A)  in the municipality;

(B)  [~~and~~] in the area proposed for annexation; and

(C)  if the municipality is a home-rule municipality, in any area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by the expansion of the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction resulting from the proposed annexation.

(d)  The notice for each hearing must be published at least once on or after the 20th day but before the 10th day before the date of the hearing. The notice for each hearing must be posted on the municipality's Internet website on or after the 20th day but before the 10th day before the date of the hearing and must remain posted until the date of the hearing.

(e)  This subsection applies only to a home-rule municipality. If applicable, the notice for each hearing must include:

(1)  a statement that the completed annexation of the area will expand the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

(2)  a description of the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

(3)  a statement of the purpose of extraterritorial jurisdiction designation as provided by Section 42.001; and

(4)  a brief description of each municipal ordinance that would be applicable, as authorized by Section 212.003, in the area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

(f)  In addition to the notice required by Subsection (c), the [~~The~~] municipality must give [~~additional~~] notice by certified mail to each railroad company that serves the municipality and is on the municipality's tax roll if the company's right-of-way is in the area proposed for annexation.

SECTION 5.  Subchapter C-1, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.0635 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.0635.  MAP REQUIREMENT FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. In addition to the notice requirements under Section 43.063, a home-rule municipality, before the municipality may institute annexation proceedings, shall create, or contract for the creation of, and make publicly available a digital map that identifies the area proposed for annexation and any area that would be newly included in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction as a result of the proposed annexation. A digital map required under this section must be made available without charge and in a format widely used by common geographic information system software or in any other widely used electronic format if the municipality does not have common geographic information system software. If the municipality maintains an Internet website, the municipality shall make the digital map available on the municipality's website.

SECTION 6.  Not later than January 1, 2020, each home-rule municipality shall make publicly available a digital map that complies with Section 41.001(d), Local Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 7.  (a)  The change in law made by Section 43.052(f-1), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a prospective expansion of extraterritorial jurisdiction resulting from an area proposed for annexation that is included in a municipal annexation plan on or after September 1, 2019.

(b)  The change in law made by Section 43.052(f-2), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a proposed annexation that is included in a municipal annexation plan on or after September 1, 2019.

(c)  The changes in law made by Sections 43.0561 and 43.063, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a hearing notice published on or after September 1, 2019. A hearing notice published before September 1, 2019, is governed by the law in effect when the hearing notice was published, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(d)  The change in law made by Section 43.0635, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a proposed annexation for which the first hearing notice required by Section 43.063, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, is published on or after September 1, 2019.

SECTION 8.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.