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S.B. No. 1659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to clarifying the law regarding municipal voting rights
3 and eligibility for municipal office of residents of areas subject
4 to limited-purpose annexation under strategic partnership
5 agreements.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 43.0751, Local Government Code, is
8 amended by amending Subsection (q) and adding Subsection (q-1) to
9 read as follows:

10 (q) The qualified voters of an area in a district annexed
11 for limited purposes under a strategic partnership agreement are
12 entitled to vote in municipal elections as provided by Section
13 43.130(a) in the same manner as qualified voters of any other area
14 annexed for limited purposes, and that subsection applies to a
15 limited-purpose annexation under a strategic partnership
16 agreement. Residents of an area in a district annexed for limited
17 purposes under a strategic partnership agreement are not eligible
18 to be a candidate for or to be elected to a municipal office as
19 provided by Section 43.130(b).

20 (q-1) Except as provided by Subsection (q) [~~for Sections~~
21 43.130(a) and (b)], Subchapter F does not apply to a
22 limited-purpose annexation under a strategic partnership
23 agreement.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act is intended

1 only to clarify existing law with respect to the municipal voting
2 rights and eligibility for office of residents in areas subject to
3 limited-purpose annexation under strategic partnership agreements.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.