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H.B. No. 377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to consent requirements for municipal annexation of an area on request of the landowners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.0672, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding Section 212.172 or any contractual provision to the contrary and not earlier than the 90th day before the date of the annexation, the ~~The~~ governing body of the municipality that elects to annex an area under this subchapter must first negotiate and enter into a written agreement with the owners of land in the area for the provision of services in the area.

(d) An agreement that authorizes a municipality to annex the land that is the subject of the agreement may not waive the requirements described by this section.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an annexation of an area that was not final on the effective date of this Act. An annexation that was final before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the annexation immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.