

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Sparks) H.B. No. 4449  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;  
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-18	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed by  
1-22 certain municipalities.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 251.72, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is  
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 251.72. CHANGE OF STATUS. Except as provided in  
1-27 Sections 251.725, 251.726, 251.727, 251.728, 251.73, and 251.80, an  
1-28 authorized voting unit that has exercised or may exercise the right  
1-29 of local option retains the status adopted, whether absolute  
1-30 prohibition or legalization of the sale of alcoholic beverages of  
1-31 one or more of the various types and alcoholic contents on which an  
1-32 issue may be submitted under the terms of Section 501.035, Election  
1-33 Code, until that status is changed by a subsequent local option  
1-34 election in the same authorized voting unit.

1-35 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 251, Alcoholic Beverage  
1-36 Code, is amended by adding Section 251.728 to read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 251.728. CHANGE OF STATUS FOR TERRITORY ANNEXED OR  
1-38 OWNED BY MUNICIPALITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section  
1-39 applies only to a municipality that:

1-40 (1) is wholly located in a county containing a portion  
1-41 of U.S. Highways 60 and 87; and

1-42 (2) has a population of more than 12,000.

1-43 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, an area annexed to a  
1-44 municipality to which this section applies assumes the wet or dry  
1-45 status of that municipality.

1-46 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
1-47 area annexed by a municipality before, on, or after the effective  
1-48 date of this Act.

1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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