

CHAPTER 95

H.B. No. 289

An Act relating to the authority of a municipality to surround, by annexation, an unincorporated area.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 7, Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection F to read as follows:

F. If a proposed annexation would cause territory to be entirely surrounded by the annexing city without including the territory within the corporate limits of that city, the governing body of the city must, before completing the annexation, make findings that surrounding the territory is in the public interest.

SECTION 2. The amendment by this Act of the Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) does not affect any annexation for which proceedings were begun before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 4, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on April 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: May 9, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985