

CHAPTER 501

S.B. No. 716

An Act relating to the creation of political subdivisions in municipal industrial districts; adding Section 5B to the Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. The Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Section 5B to read as follows:

"Section 5B. CREATION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. (a) *Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Act, a political subdivision having as one of its purposes the providing or furnishing of services of a governmental or proprietary nature may not be created within the area of any industrial district designated by a city under Section 5 of this Act without the prior written consent of the city. The consent must be granted or denied by the city not later than the 60th day after the date the city receives a written request for the consent. If the city fails to grant or deny the request within the allotted period, the failure is equivalent to the city's having consented to the initiation of the creation proceedings.*

"(b) If consent to initiate the creation of such a political subdivision within an industrial district is granted, the proceedings seeking the creation of the political subdivision must be initiated and completed within the time periods specified in Subsection C of Section 8 of this Act. The failure to initiate and complete the proceedings within the allotted periods terminates the authorization."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

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.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985