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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires municipalities in Ascension Parish to notify the parish governing authority prior to annexing property.

Present law authorizes owners of property lying contiguous and adjacent to the territorial corporate limits of any municipality, except in New Orleans, to petition the mayor and governing authority of the municipality to annex their property into the municipality. Requires that the petition contain one-third in number and value of the bona fide owners of the property and that a majority in number and value of the qualified electors residing in and upon the property vote in favor of annexation at an election held for that purpose.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the municipal governing authorities in Ascension Parish to notify the parish governing authority of the upcoming election at least 30 days prior to the election.

Present law generally provides for the annexation of property by municipalities. Authorizes a municipality to annex territory by ordinance or election by complying with one of the following procedures:

- (1) Written consent to the annexation is provided by a petition signed by a majority of the registered voters and a majority in number of the resident property owners as well as 25% in value of the property of the resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits. Provides that the requirement for voter signatures shall not apply if there are no registered voters in the area.
- (2) The annexation of a contiguous area is approved by the voters of the area proposed to be annexed in an election requested by a petition signed by at least 25% of the resident property owners and by the owners of at least 25% in value of the resident property within such area.
- (3) A municipality may annex contiguous areas by election provided at least 90% of the boundary of the area to be annexed is common to the boundary of the municipality and a majority of the registered voters residing in the area proposed for annexation voting at an election held for that purpose vote in favor of annexation.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires municipal governing authorities in Ascension Parish to notify the parish governing authority of a proposed annexation at least 30 days prior to any election held or adoption of any ordinance pursuant to present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:154 and 172(A)(1)(a) and (D))