
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to annexation procedures in the city of Abbeville.

Present law (R.S. 33:171 et seq.) authorizes municipalities to annex contiguous territory by ordinance. Generally requires compliance with one of the following procedures in adoption of the ordinance:

- (1) The ordinance is requested 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 ordinance 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.

Proposed law authorizes the city of Abbeville to adopt an ordinance annexing properties without obtaining the request or approval of the residents and property owners of the area required by present law if the area to be annexed is an unincorporated area of less than five acres that exists completely within the external boundaries of the city.

Proposed law further requires the city of Abbeville to hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the annexation of such properties. Requires the governing authority of the city to provide notice of its intent to annex such properties by advertisement in its official journal on at least three separate days at least 30 days prior to the date on which the hearing is to be held. Provides that, after such hearing, the governing authority of the city may adopt an ordinance that authorizes such annexation. Further requires, at least ten days prior to the hearing, a good faith attempt to notify the owner or owners of record of the properties to be annexed by the sending of an official notice by certified mail of the time and place of the hearing.

(Adds R.S. 33:172.4)