

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Current state law authorizing junior college districts to annex additional territory was adopted prior to the assignment of service areas to junior college districts in 1995. The existing law was designed to limit a junior college district's annexation authority to territory which was contiguous to the actual district boundaries of the annexing junior college to avoid conflict among the various college districts by preventing a district from intentionally or inadvertently encroaching on another district's real or perceived "client community." H.B. 1869 would eliminate the contiguity requirement from the definition of territory eligible to be annexed and also eliminates this contiguity requirement from the annexation election statute which references this concept.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1869 establishes conditions regarding the annexation of territory to a public junior college district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.063, Education Code, to set forth certain conditions regarding boundaries and the location of territory annexed to a junior college. Prohibits a junior college district from annexing territory if certain conditions exist. Deletes text regarding conditions related to the territory of a school district or part of a school district. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 130.066(a), Education Code, to authorize certain territory to be included within the boundaries of a junior college district, including territory located in the service area of the district established under Subsection J. Deletes text regarding certain territory for assisting junior colleges. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.