

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, several sections of the Education Code provide differing methods of annexing new territory to junior and community college districts. Some sections alter the terms of members of the governing body serving on the date the annexation takes effect, while others do not. In an area the size of Houston, the cost of additional elections can be substantial, especially if a run-off election occurs.

As proposed, S.B. 928 amends the section of the Education Code which governs the board of the Houston Community College System and applies only to that system. It standardizes the procedures following annexation by providing that, whichever method of annexation is used, any resulting change in the single-member districts from which members of the governing body are elected does not affect the term of a member of the governing body serving on the date the annexation or redistricting takes effect.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.088, Education Code, by adding Subsection (j-1), to provide that the annexation of territory by the (Houston Community College System) district does not affect the term of office of a member of the governing board of the district who is serving on the date the annexation takes effect, regardless of the provision of Subchapter D (Changes in District Boundaries) providing authority for the annexation and regardless of whether the annexation alters any boundary of the trustee district from which the member is elected, notwithstanding any contrary provision of Subchapter D. Defines "annexation."

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.