BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, provisions in Subchapter F (Limited Purpose Annexation), Chapter 43, Local Government Code, concerning limited purpose annexations were separated from the provisions located in Section 43.0751 (Strategic Partnerships for Continuation of Certain Districts), Local Government Code, related to limited purpose annexations pursuant to strategic partnership agreements. The voting rights of residents in limited purpose areas are currently defined in Subchapter F, Chapter 43, Local Government Code.

H.B. 3723 clarifies the intent as to the voting rights of citizens residing in areas annexed for limited purposes pursuant to a strategic partnership agreement. This bill entitles residents in an area annexed for such purposes under Section 43.0751, Local Government Code, to the same voting rights as residents of an area annexed for limited purposes under Subchapter F, Chapter 43, Local Government Code.

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 43.0751(q), Local Government Code, to provide an exception for Sections 43.130(a) and (b) (regarding annexation of streets, highways, and other ways by general-law municipality) from the provision providing that Subchapter F (Limited Purpose Annexation) does not apply to a limited-purpose annexation under a strategic partnership agreement.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.