

SENATE BILL No. 313

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-4-3-13.

Synopsis: St. Joseph County annexation. Eliminates the annexation procedures in St. Joseph County that require a court to order an annexation not to take place if: (1) the area already has adequate police and fire protection and street and road maintenance from a provider other than the municipality seeking annexation; (2) the annexation will have a significant financial impact on the residents or landowners of the area; and (3) the annexation is opposed by a majority of the owners of land in the territory proposed to be annexed or by the owners of more than 75% in the assessed valuation of the land in the affected area.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 8, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Governmental and Regulatory Affairs.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-4-3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.255-1997(ss),
- 2 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 13. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c),~~ At
- 4 the hearing under section 12 of this chapter, the court shall order a
- 5 proposed annexation to take place if the following requirements are
- 6 met:
- 7 (1) The requirements of either subsection (b) or (c).
- 8 (2) The requirements of subsection (d).
- 9 (b) The requirements of this subsection are met if the evidence
- 10 establishes the following:
- 11 (1) That the territory sought to be annexed is contiguous to the
- 12 municipality.
- 13 (2) One (1) of the following:
- 14 (A) The resident population density of the territory sought to
- 15 be annexed is at least three (3) persons per acre.
- 16 (B) Sixty percent (60%) of the territory is subdivided.
- 17 (C) The territory is zoned for commercial, business, or



- 1 industrial uses.
- 2 (c) The requirements of this subsection are met if the evidence
3 establishes the following:
- 4 (1) That the territory sought to be annexed is contiguous to the
5 municipality as required by section 1.5 of this chapter, except that
6 at least one-fourth (1/4), instead of one-eighth (1/8), of the
7 aggregate external boundaries of the territory sought to be
8 annexed must coincide with the boundaries of the municipality.
- 9 (2) That the territory sought to be annexed is needed and can be
10 used by the municipality for its development in the reasonably
11 near future.
- 12 (d) The requirements of this subsection are met if the evidence
13 establishes that the municipality has developed a written fiscal plan and
14 has established a definite policy, by resolution of the legislative body,
15 as of the date of passage of the annexation ordinance. The resolution
16 must show the following:
- 17 (1) The cost estimates of planned services to be furnished to the
18 territory to be annexed.
- 19 (2) The method or methods of financing the planned services.
- 20 (3) The plan for the organization and extension of services.
- 21 (4) That planned services of a noncapital nature, including police
22 protection, fire protection, street and road maintenance, and other
23 noncapital services normally provided within the corporate
24 boundaries, will be provided to the annexed territory within one
25 (1) year after the effective date of annexation, and that ~~they~~ **the**
26 **services** will be provided in a manner equivalent in standard and
27 scope to those noncapital services provided to areas within the
28 corporate boundaries that have similar topography, patterns of
29 land use, and population density. However, in a county having a
30 population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less
31 than three hundred thousand (300,000), the resolution of a city
32 must show that these services will be provided in a manner
33 equivalent in standard and scope to those noncapital services
34 provided to areas within the corporate boundaries, regardless of
35 similar topography, patterns of land use, or population density.
- 36 (5) That services of a capital improvement nature, including street
37 construction, street lighting, sewer facilities, water facilities, and
38 stormwater drainage facilities, will be provided to the annexed
39 territory within three (3) years after the effective date of the
40 annexation, in the same manner as those services are provided to
41 areas within the corporate boundaries, that have similar
42 topography, patterns of land use, and population density, and in

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1 a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws,
 2 procedures, and planning criteria. However, in a county having a
 3 population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less
 4 than three hundred thousand (300,000), the resolution of a city
 5 must show that these services will be provided to the annexed
 6 territory within four (4) years after the effective date of the
 7 annexation and in the same manner as those services are provided
 8 to areas within the corporate boundaries, regardless of similar
 9 topography, patterns of land use, or population density.

10 (6) The plan for hiring the employees of other governmental
 11 entities whose jobs will be eliminated by the proposed
 12 annexation, although the municipality is not required to hire any
 13 employees.

14 (e) This subsection applies only to cities located in a county having
 15 a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less
 16 than three hundred thousand (300,000). However, this subsection does
 17 not apply if on April 1, 1993, the entire boundary of the territory that
 18 is proposed to be annexed was contiguous to territory that was within
 19 the boundaries of one (1) or more municipalities. At the hearing under
 20 section 12 of this chapter, the court shall do the following:

21 (1) Consider evidence on the conditions listed in subdivision (2).
 22 (2) Order a proposed annexation not to take place if the court
 23 finds that all of the following conditions exist in the territory
 24 proposed to be annexed:

25 (A) The following services are adequately furnished by a
 26 provider other than the municipality seeking the annexation:

27 (i) Police and fire protection:

28 (ii) Street and road maintenance.

29 (B) The annexation will have a significant financial impact on
 30 the residents or owners of land:

31 (C) One (1) of the following opposes the annexation:

32 (i) A majority of the owners of land in the territory proposed
 33 to be annexed:

34 (ii) The owners of more than seventy-five percent (75%) in
 35 assessed valuation of the land in the territory proposed to be
 36 annexed:

37 Evidence of opposition may be expressed by any owner of land
 38 in the territory proposed to be annexed:

39 (f) (e) The federal census data established by IC 1-1-4-5(17) shall
 40 be used as evidence of resident population density for purposes of
 41 subsection (b)(2)(A), but this evidence may be rebutted by other
 42 evidence of population density.



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