1	ANNEXATION AMENDMENTS
2	2001 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Marda Dillree
5	This act modifies provisions of the Utah Municipal Code relating to municipal annexations.
6	The act establishes an annexation procedure for counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth,
7	and sixth classes that is different from that for counties of the first class. The act requires
8	municipalities within counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth classes to adopt
9	an annexation policy plan before future annexations after a certain date may occur. The act
10	eliminates the feasibility study requirement for annexations of areas in a county of the
11	second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth classes. The act allows an owner of public property to
12	file an annexation petition. The act also makes technical changes.
13	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
14	AMENDS:
15	10-2-401, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
16	10-2-402, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
17	10-2-403, as last amended by Chapter 205, Laws of Utah 1999
18	10-2-405, as last amended by Chapter 193, Laws of Utah 2000
19	10-2-406, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
20	10-2-407, as last amended by Chapter 193, Laws of Utah 2000
21	10-2-408, as last amended by Chapter 193, Laws of Utah 2000
22	10-2-409, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
23	10-2-410, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
24	10-2-411, as last amended by Chapter 21, Laws of Utah 1999
25	10-2-412, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
26	10-2-413, as last amended by Chapter 21, Laws of Utah 1999
27	10-2-414, as last amended by Chapter 21, Laws of Utah 1999



28	10-2-415, as last amended by Chapter 21, Laws of Utah 1999
29	10-2-416, as last amended by Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 2000
30	10-2-421, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 389, Laws of Utah 1997
31	10-2-426, as enacted by Chapter 337, Laws of Utah 1998
32	ENACTS:
33	10-2-401.5 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
34	10-2-409.5 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
35	REPEALS:
36	10-2-404, as last amended by Chapter 193, Laws of Utah 2000
37	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
38	Section 1. Section 10-2-401 is amended to read:
39	10-2-401. Definitions Property owner provisions.
40	(1) As used in this part:
41	(a) "Affected entity" means:
42	(i) a county in whose unincorporated area the area proposed for annexation is located;
43	(ii) an independent special district under Title 17A, Chapter 2, Independent Special
44	Districts, whose boundaries include any part of an area proposed for annexation;
45	(iii) a school district whose boundaries include any part of an area proposed for
46	annexation; and
47	(iv) a municipality whose boundaries are within 1/2 mile of an area proposed for
48	annexation.
49	[(a)] (b) "Annexation petition" means a petition under Section 10-2-403 proposing the
50	annexation to a municipality of a contiguous, unincorporated area that is contiguous to the
51	municipality.
52	[(b)] (c) "Commission" means a boundary commission established under Section 10-2-409
53	for the county in which the property that is proposed for annexation is located.
54	[(c)] (d) "Feasibility consultant" means a person or firm with expertise in the processes and
55	economics of local government.
56	[(d)] (e) "Municipal selection committee" means a committee in each county composed
57	of the mayor of each municipality within that county.
58	[(e)] (f) "Private," with respect to real property, means not owned by the United States or

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59	any agency of the federal government, the state, a county, a municipality, a school district, a special
60	district under Title 17A, Special Districts, or any other political subdivision or governmental entity
61	of the state.
62	(g) "Specified county" means a county of the second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.
63	(h) "Urban development" means:
64	(i) a housing development with more than 15 residential units and an average density
65	greater than one residential unit per acre; or
66	(ii) a commercial or industrial development for which cost projections exceed \$750,000
67	for all phases.
68	(2) For purposes of this part:
69	(a) the owner of real property shall be the record title owner according to the records of
70	the county recorder on the date of the filing of the petition or protest; and
71	(b) the value of private real property shall be determined according to the last assessment
72	roll for county taxes before the filing of the petition or protest.
73	(3) For purposes of each provision of this part that requires the owners of private real
74	property covering a percentage or majority of the total private land area within an area to sign a
75	petition or protest:
76	(a) a parcel of real property may not be included in the calculation of the required
77	percentage or majority unless the petition or protest is signed by:
78	(i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), owners representing a majority ownership
79	interest in that parcel; or
80	(ii) if the parcel is owned by joint tenants or tenants by the entirety, 50% of the number
81	of owners of that parcel;
82	(b) the signature of a person signing a petition or protest in a representative capacity on
83	behalf of an owner is invalid unless:
84	(i) the person's representative capacity and the name of the owner the person represents
85	are indicated on the petition or protest with the person's signature; and
86	(ii) the person provides documentation accompanying the petition or protest that
87	substantiates the person's representative capacity; and
88	(c) subject to Subsection (3)(b), a duly appointed personal representative may sign a
89	petition or protest on behalf of a deceased owner.

90	Section 2. Section 10-2-401.5 is enacted to read:
91	<u>10-2-401.5.</u> Annexation policy plan.
92	(1) After December 31, 2002, no municipality may annex an unincorporated area located
93	within a specified county unless the municipality has adopted an annexation policy plan as
94	provided in this section.
95	(2) To adopt an annexation policy plan:
96	(a) the planning commission shall:
97	(i) prepare a proposed annexation policy plan that complies with Subsection (3);
98	(ii) hold a public meeting to allow affected entities to examine the proposed annexation
99	policy plan and to provide input on it;
100	(iii) provide notice of the public meeting under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) to each affected entity
101	at least 14 days before the meeting:
102	(iv) accept and consider any additional written comments from affected entities until ten
103	days after the public meeting under Subsection (2)(a)(ii);
104	(v) before holding the public hearing required under Subsection (2)(a)(vi), make any
105	modifications to the proposed annexation policy plan the planning commission considers
106	appropriate, based on input provided at or within ten days after the public meeting under
107	Subsection (2)(a)(ii);
108	(vi) hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation policy plan;
109	(vii) provide reasonable public notice, including notice to each affected entity, of the
110	public hearing required under Subsection (2)(a)(vi) at least 14 days before the date of the hearing;
111	(viii) make any modifications to the proposed annexation policy plan the planning
112	commission considers appropriate, based on public input provided at the public hearing; and
113	(ix) submit its recommended annexation policy plan to the municipal legislative body; and
114	(b) the municipal legislative body shall:
115	(i) hold a public hearing on the annexation policy plan recommended by the planning
116	commission:
117	(ii) provide reasonable notice, including notice to each affected entity, of the public
118	hearing at least 14 days before the date of the hearing;
119	(iii) after the public hearing under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), make any modifications to the
120	recommended annexation policy plan that the legislative body considers appropriate; and

121	(iv) adopt the recommended annexation policy plan, with or without modifications.
122	(3) Each annexation policy plan shall include:
123	(a) a map of the unincorporated area that the municipality anticipates annexing in the
124	future, which may include territory located outside the county in which the municipality is located;
125	(b) a statement of the specific criteria that will guide the municipality's decision whether
126	or not to grant future annexation petitions, addressing matters relevant to those criteria including:
127	(i) the character of the community;
128	(ii) the need for municipal services in developed and undeveloped unincorporated areas;
129	(iii) the municipality's plans for extension of municipal services;
130	(iv) how the services will be financed;
131	(v) an estimate of the tax consequences to residents both currently within the municipal
132	boundaries and in areas that are anticipated to be annexed into the municipality; and
133	(vi) the interests of all affected entities;
134	(c) justification for excluding from the area covered by the annexation policy plan any area
135	containing urban development within 1/2 mile of the municipality's boundary; and
136	(d) a statement addressing any comments made by affected entities at or within ten days
137	after the public meeting under Subsection (2)(a)(ii).
138	(4) In developing, considering, and adopting an annexation policy plan, the planning
139	commission and municipal legislative body shall:
140	(a) attempt to avoid gaps between or overlaps with the annexation policy plans of other
141	municipalities;
142	(b) consider population growth projections for the municipality and adjoining areas for the
143	next 20 years;
144	(c) consider current and projected costs of infrastructure, urban services, and public
145	facilities necessary:
146	(i) to facilitate full development of the area within the municipality; and
147	(ii) to expand the infrastructure, services, and facilities into the area being considered for
148	inclusion in the annexation policy plan;
149	(d) consider, in conjunction with the municipality's general plan, the need over the next
150	20 years for additional land suitable for residential, commercial, and industrial development;
151	(e) consider the reasons for including agricultural lands, forests, recreational areas, and

152	wildlife management areas in the municipality; and
153	(f) be guided by the principles set forth in Subsection 10-2-403(5).
154	(5) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit or restrict two or more
155	municipalities in specified counties from negotiating and cooperating with respect to defining each
156	municipality's area proposed for future annexation under an annexation policy plan.
157	Section 3. Section 10-2-402 is amended to read:
158	10-2-402. Annexation Limitations.
159	(1) (a) A contiguous, unincorporated area that is contiguous to a municipality may be
160	annexed to the municipality as provided in this part.
161	(b) An unincorporated area may not be annexed to a municipality unless:
162	(i) it is a contiguous area;
163	(ii) it is contiguous to the municipality; [and]
164	(iii) except as provided in Subsection 10-2-418(1)(b), annexation will not leave or create
165	an unincorporated island or peninsula: and
166	(iv) for an area located in a specified county, the area is within the area defined by the
167	annexation policy plan of the proposed annexing municipality.
168	(2) Except as provided in Section 10-2-418, a municipality may not annex an
169	unincorporated area unless a petition under Section 10-2-403 is filed requesting annexation.
170	(3) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area for the sole purpose of acquiring
171	municipal revenue or to retard the capacity of another municipality to annex the same or a related
172	area unless the municipality has the ability and intent to benefit the annexed area by providing
173	municipal services to the annexed area.
174	(4) A county legislative body may not approve urban development in the unincorporated
175	portion of the county located, for a county of the first class, within 1/2 mile of a municipality or,
176	for a specified county, within the area defined by a municipality's annexation policy plan, unless:
177	(a) the owner of the property on which the urban development is proposed makes a good
178	faith and diligent effort for at least six months to annex the property to the municipality;
179	(b) legal or factual barriers prevent the annexation; and
180	(c) at the end of the six-month period under Subsection (4)(a), the owner of the property
181	notifies the county in writing of the legal or factual barriers that prevented annexation.
182	(5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), no annexation petition under this part may

183 be filed with a municipality located within a county of the first class on or after July 1, 2001 until 184 after July 1, 2002, and no municipality located in a county of the first class may accept an 185 annexation petition under this part during that time. 186 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a) and subject to Subsection (5)(c), an annexation 187 petition may be filed with a municipality located within a county of the first class and a 188 municipality located in a county of the first class may accept an annexation petition from July 1, 189 2001 to July 1, 2002 if the petition: (i) contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that: 190 191 (A) is located within the area proposed for annexation; 192 (B) covers 80% of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation; and (C) is equal in value to at least 80% of the value of all private real property within the area 193 194 proposed for annexation; and 195 (ii) otherwise complies with the requirements for an annexation petition under this part. (c) If a protest is filed under Section 10-2-407 to an annexation petition filed under 196 Subsection (5)(b), the annexation proceeding shall immediately be terminated. 197 198 (d) Nothing in this Subsection (5) may be construed to affect an annexation proceeding 199 initiated by a petition filed before July 1, 2001. 200 Section 4. Section 10-2-403 is amended to read: 201 10-2-403. Annexation petition -- Requirements. 202 (1) Except as provided in Section 10-2-418, the process to annex an unincorporated area to a municipality is initiated by a petition as provided in this section. 203 204 (2) Each petition under Subsection (1) shall: (a) be filed with the city recorder or town clerk, as the case may be, of the proposed 205 206 annexing municipality; 207 (b) contain the signatures of: 208 (i) the owners of private real property that: 209 $\left[\frac{(i)}{(A)}\right]$ is located within the area proposed for annexation; 210 $\left[\frac{(ii)}{(A)}\right]$ (B) (I) subject to Subsection (2)(b) $\left[\frac{(ii)}{(ii)}\right]$ (i)(B)(II), covers a majority of the private 211 land area within the area proposed for annexation; and 212 [(B)] (II) covers 100% of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation, if the area is within an agriculture protection area created under Title 17, Chapter 41, Agriculture 213

H.B. 155 02-13-01 7:33 AM 214 Protection Area; and 215 [(iii)] (C) is equal in value to at least 1/3 of the value of all private real property within the 216 area proposed for annexation; or 217 (ii) if all the real property within the area proposed for annexation is publicly owned, the 218 owners of all the publicly owned real property; 219 (c) be accompanied by an accurate [plat or] map, prepared by a licensed surveyor, of the 220 area proposed for annexation; and 221 (d) designate up to five of the signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be 222 designated as the contact sponsor, and indicate the mailing address of each sponsor. 223 (3) A petition under Subsection (1) may not propose the annexation of all or part of an area 224 proposed for annexation to a municipality in a previously filed petition that has not been denied, 225 rejected, or granted. 226 (4) A petition under Subsection (1) proposing the annexation of an area located in a county of the first class may not propose the annexation of an area that includes some or all of an area 227 228 proposed to be incorporated in a request for a feasibility study under Section 10-2-103 or a petition 229 under Section 10-2-125 if: 230 (a) the request or petition was filed before the filing of the annexation petition; and 231 (b) the request, a petition under Section 10-2-109 based on that request, or a petition under 232 Section 10-2-125 is still pending on the date the annexation petition is filed. 233 (5) If practicable and feasible, the boundaries of an area proposed for annexation shall be 234 drawn: 235 (a) along the boundaries of existing special districts for sewer, water, and other services, 236 along the boundaries of school districts whose boundaries follow city boundaries or school districts 237 adjacent to school districts whose boundaries follow city boundaries, and along the boundaries of 238 other taxing entities[:]; 239 [(a)] (b) to eliminate islands and peninsulas of territory that is not receiving municipal-type services; 240 241 (b) (c) to facilitate the consolidation of overlapping functions of local government; 242 $\left[\frac{(c)}{(d)}\right]$ to promote the efficient delivery of services; and 243 $\left[\frac{d}{d}\right]$ (e) to encourage the equitable distribution of community resources and obligations. 244 (6) On the date of filing, the petition sponsors shall deliver or mail a copy of the petition

245	to:
246	(a) the clerk of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located; and
247	(b) the chair of the planning commission of each township in which any part of the area
248	proposed for annexation is located.
249	Section 5. Section 10-2-405 is amended to read:
250	10-2-405. Acceptance or rejection of an annexation petition Modified petition.
251	(1) (a) (i) (A) A municipal legislative body may:
252	[(A)] (I) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) and subject to Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B),
253	deny a petition filed under Section 10-2-403; or
254	[(B)] (II) accept the petition for further consideration under this part.
255	(B) A municipal legislative body's failure to act to deny or accept a petition under
256	Subsection (1)(a)(i)(A) within 14 days after the filing of the petition shall be considered to be an
257	acceptance of the petition for further consideration under this part.
258	(ii) If a municipal legislative body denies a petition under Subsection (1)(a)(i)(A), it shall,
259	within five days of the denial, mail written notice of the denial to the contact sponsor, the clerk of
260	the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located, and the chair of the planning
261	commission of each township in which any part of the area proposed for annexation is located.
262	(b) A municipal legislative body may not deny a petition filed under Section 10-2-403
263	proposing to annex an area located in a county of the first class if:
264	(i) the petition contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that:
265	(A) is located within the area proposed for annexation;
266	(B) covers a majority of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation; and
267	(C) is equal in value to at least $1/2$ of the value of all private real property within the area
268	proposed for annexation;
269	(ii) the population in the area proposed for annexation does not exceed [10%] 5% of the
270	population of the proposed annexing municipality; [and]
271	(iii) the property tax rate for municipal services in the area proposed to be annexed is
272	higher than the property tax rate of the proposed annexing municipality; and
273	(iv) all annexations by the proposed annexing municipality during the year that the petition
274	was filed have not increased the municipality's population by more than 10%.
275	(2) If the municipal legislative body accepts a petition under Subsection $(1)(a)(i)[(B)]$ (A)

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or is considered to have accepted the petition under Subsection (1)(a)(i)(B), the city recorder or
 town clerk, as the case may be, shall, within 30 days of that acceptance:

- (a) with the assistance of the municipal attorney and of the clerk, surveyor, and recorder
 of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located, determine whether the petition
 meets the requirements of Subsections 10-2-403(2), (3), and (4); and
- (b) (i) if the city recorder or town clerk determines that the petition meets those
 requirements, certify the petition and mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the
 municipal legislative body, the contact sponsor, the county legislative body, and the chair of the
 planning commission of each township in which any part of the area proposed for annexation is
 located; or
- (ii) if the city recorder or town clerk determines that the petition fails to meet any of those
 requirements, reject the petition and mail or deliver written notification of the rejection and the
 reasons for the rejection to the municipal legislative body, the contact sponsor, the county
 legislative body, and the chair of the planning commission of each township in which any part of
 the area proposed for annexation is located.
- (3) (a) (i) If the city recorder or town clerk rejects a petition under Subsection (2)(b)(ii),
 the petition may be modified to correct the deficiencies for which it was rejected and then refiled
 with the city recorder or town clerk, as the case may be.
- (ii) A signature on an annexation petition filed under Section 10-2-403 may be used
 toward fulfilling the signature requirement of Subsection 10-2-403(2)(b) for the petition as
 modified under Subsection (3)(a)(i).
- (b) If a petition is refiled under Subsection (3)(a) after having been rejected by the city
 recorder or town clerk under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the refiled petition shall be treated as a newly
 filed petition under Subsection 10-2-403(1).
- 300 (4) Each county clerk, surveyor, and recorder shall cooperate with and assist a city recorder301 or town clerk in the determination under Subsection (2)(a).
- 302 Section 6. Section **10-2-406** is amended to read:
- 303 **10-2-406.** Notice of certification -- Publishing and providing notice of petition.
- 304 (1) After receipt of the notice of certification from the city recorder or town clerk under
 305 Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i), the municipal legislative body shall:
- 306 (a) (i) publish a notice at least once a week for three successive weeks, beginning no later

307	than ten days after receipt of the notice of certification, in a newspaper of general circulation
308	within:
309	(A) the area proposed for annexation; and
310	(B) the unincorporated area within $1/2$ mile of the area proposed for annexation; or
311	(ii) if there is no newspaper of general circulation within those areas, post written notices
312	in conspicuous places within those areas that are most likely to give notice to residents within
313	those areas; and
314	(b) within 20 days of receipt of the notice of certification under Subsection
315	10-2-405(2)(b)(i), mail written notice to[:] each affected entity.
316	[(i) the legislative body of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is
317	located;]
318	[(ii) the board of each special district under Title 17A, Chapter 2, Independent Special
319	Districts, whose boundaries include part or all of the area proposed for annexation;]
320	[(iii) the legislative body of each municipality whose boundaries are within 1/2 mile of
321	the area proposed for annexation; and]
322	[(iv) each school district whose boundaries include part or all of the area proposed for
323	annexation.]
324	(2) (a) The notice under Subsections (1)(a) and (b) shall:
325	(i) state that a petition has been filed with the municipality proposing the annexation of
326	an area to the municipality;
327	(ii) state the date of the municipal legislative body's receipt of the notice of certification
328	under Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i);
329	(iii) describe the area proposed for annexation in the annexation petition;
330	(iv) state that the complete annexation petition is available for inspection and copying at
331	the office of the city recorder or town clerk;
332	(v) state in conspicuous and plain terms that the municipality may grant the petition and
333	annex the area described in the petition unless, within the time required under Subsection
334	10-2-407(2)(a)(i)(A) [or 10-2-407(2)(e), as the case may be], a written protest to the annexation
335	petition is filed with the commission and a copy of the protest delivered to the city recorder or
336	town clerk of the proposed annexing municipality; and
337	(vi) state the address of the commission or, if a commission has not yet been created in the

338	county, the county clerk, where a protest to the annexation petition may be filed.
339	(b) The statement required by Subsection (2)(a)(v) shall state the deadline for filing a
340	written protest in terms of the actual date rather than by reference to the statutory citation.
341	(c) In addition to the requirements under Subsection (2)(a), a notice under Subsection
342	(1)(a) for a proposed annexation of an area within a county of the first class shall include a
343	statement that a protest to the annexation petition may be filed with the commission by property
344	owners if it contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that:
345	(i) is located in the unincorporated area within $1/2$ mile of the area proposed for
346	annexation;
347	(ii) covers at least 25% of the private land area located in the unincorporated area within
348	1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation; and
349	(iii) is equal in value to at least 15% of all real property located in the unincorporated area
350	within 1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation.
351	Section 7. Section 10-2-407 is amended to read:
352	10-2-407. Protest to annexation petition Requirements Disposition if no protest
353	Township planning commission recommendation.
354	(1) (a) A protest to an annexation petition under Section 10-2-403 may be filed by:
355	(i) the legislative body [of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is
356	located;] or governing board of an affected entity; or
357	[(ii) the board of a special district whose boundaries include part or all of the area
358	proposed for annexation;]
359	[(iii) the legislative body of a municipality whose boundaries are within 1/2 mile of the
360	area proposed for annexation; or]
361	[(iv)] (ii) for a proposed annexation of an area within a county of the first class, the owners
362	of private real property that:
363	(A) is located in the unincorporated area within $1/2$ mile of the area proposed for
364	annexation;
365	(B) covers at least 25% of the private land area located in the unincorporated area within
366	1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation; and
367	(C) is equal in value to at least 15% of all real property located in the unincorporated area
368	within 1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation.

369	(b) (i) [(A) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(i)(B), a township] <u>A</u> planning
370	commission of a township located in a county of the first class may recommend to the legislative
371	body of the county in which the township is located that the county legislative body file a protest
372	against a proposed annexation under this part of an area located within the township.
373	[(B) Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) does not apply if the time for filing a protest under Subsection
374	(2)(a)(i)(A) or (2)(e) expires before July 17, 1997.]
375	(ii) (A) [Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(B), the] The township planning
376	commission shall communicate each recommendation under Subsection (1)(b)(i) in writing to the
377	county legislative body within 30 days of the city recorder or town clerk's certification of the
378	annexation petition under Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i).
379	[(B) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A), if the city recorder or town clerk's
380	certification under Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i) occurs before July 17, 1997, the township
381	planning commission shall communicate its recommendation under Subsection (1)(b)(i) in writing
382	to the county legislative body on or before August 16, 1997, but no later than the deadline for filing
383	a protest under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) or (2)(e), excluding an extension under Subsection (2)(f).]
384	[(C)] (B) At the time the recommendation is communicated to the county legislative body
385	under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A), the township planning commission shall mail or deliver a copy of
386	the recommendation to the legislative body of the proposed annexing municipality and to the
387	contact sponsor.
388	(2) (a) Each protest under Subsection (1)(a) shall:
389	(i) be filed:
390	(A) [except as provided in Subsections (2)(e) and (f),] no later than [60] 30 days after the
391	municipal legislative body's receipt of the notice of certification under Subsection
392	10-2-405(2)(b)(i); and
393	(B) (I) in a county that has already created a commission under Section 10-2-409, with the
394	commission; or
395	(II) in a county that has not yet created a commission under Section 10-2-409, with the
396	clerk of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located; and
397	(ii) state each reason for the protest of the annexation petition and justification for the
398	protest under the standards established in this chapter;
399	(iii) contain other information that the commission by rule requires or that the party filing

400	the protest considers pertinent; and
401	(iv) the name and address of a contact person who is to receive notices sent by the
402	commission with respect to the protest proceedings.
403	(b) The party filing a protest under this section shall on the same date deliver or mail a
404	copy of the protest to the city recorder or town clerk of the proposed annexing municipality.
405	(c) Each clerk who receives a protest under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(B)(II) shall immediately
406	notify the county legislative body of the protest and shall deliver the protest to the boundary
407	commission within five days of its creation under Subsection 10-2-409(1)(b).
408	(d) Each protest of a proposed annexation of an area located in a county of the first class
409	under Subsection (1)(a)[(iv)] (i)(D) shall, in addition to the requirements of Subsections (2)(a) and
410	(b):
411	(i) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner signing
412	the protest; and
413	(ii) designate one of the signers of the protest as the contact person and state the mailing
414	address of the contact person.
415	[(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) and except as provided in Subsection (2)(f),
416	each protest under Subsection (1) shall be filed no later than 40 days after the municipal legislative
417	body's receipt of the notice of certification under Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i) if the annexation
418	petition proposes the annexation of an area that:]
419	[(i) is undeveloped; and]
420	[(ii) covers an area that is equivalent to less than 5% of the total land mass of all private
421	real property within the municipality.]
422	[(f) The deadline under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) or (2)(e) for the county legislative body
423	to file a protest is extended by ten days if:]
424	[(i) the city recorder or town clerk's certification of the annexation petition under
425	Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i) occurs before July 17, 1997; and]
426	[(ii) the time for filing a protest under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) or (2)(e) has not expired as
427	of July 17, 1997.]
428	(3) (a) (i) If a protest is filed under this section:
429	(A) the municipal legislative body may, at its next regular meeting after expiration of the
430	deadline under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) [or (e)] and, for a proposed annexation of an area located

431	in a county of the first class, except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(iii), deny the annexation
432	petition; or
433	(B) if the municipal legislative body does not deny the annexation petition under
434	Subsection (3)(a)(i)(A), the municipal legislative body may take no further action on the
435	annexation petition until after receipt of the commission's notice of its decision on the protest
436	under Section 10-2-416.
437	(ii) If a municipal legislative body denies an annexation petition under Subsection
438	(3)(a)(i)(A), the municipal legislative body shall, within five days of the denial, send notice of the
439	denial in writing to:
440	(A) the contact sponsor of the annexation petition;
441	(B) the commission;
442	(C) each entity that filed a protest; and
443	(D) if a protest was filed under Subsection (1)(a)[(iv)](ii) for a proposed annexation of an
444	area located in a county of the first class, the contact person.
445	(iii) A municipal legislative body may not deny an annexation petition proposing to annex
446	an area located in a county of the first class if:
447	(A) the petition contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that:
448	(I) is located within the area proposed for annexation;
449	(II) covers a majority of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation; and
450	(III) is equal in value to at least $1/2$ of the value of all private real property within the area
451	proposed for annexation;
452	(B) the population in the area proposed for annexation does not exceed [10%] 5% of the
453	population of the proposed annexing municipality; [and]
454	(C) the property tax rate for municipal services in the area proposed to be annexed is
455	higher than the property tax rate of the proposed annexing municipality; and
456	(D) all annexations by the proposed annexing municipality during the year that the petition
457	was filed have not increased the municipality's population by more than 10%.
458	(b) (i) If no timely protest is filed under this section, the municipal legislative body may,
459	subject to Subsection (3)(b)(ii), grant the petition and, by ordinance, annex the area that is the
460	subject of the annexation petition.
461	(ii) Before granting an annexation petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the municipal

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462 legislative body shall: 463 (A) hold a public hearing; and 464 (B) at least seven days before the public hearing under Subsection (3)(b)(i)(A): 465 (I) publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the 466 municipality and the area proposed for annexation; or 467 (II) if there is no newspaper of general circulation in those areas, post written notices of 468 the hearing in conspicuous places within those areas that are most likely to give notice to residents 469 within those areas. 470 Section 8. Section 10-2-408 is amended to read: 471 **10-2-408.** Denial of or granting the annexation petition. 472 (1) After receipt of the commission's decision on a protest under Subsection 10-2-416(2), 473 a municipal legislative body may: 474 (a) except as provided in Subsection (2) for a proposed annexation of an area located in 475 a county of the first class, deny the annexation petition; or 476 (b) if the commission approves the annexation, grant the annexation petition and, by 477 ordinance and consistent with the commission's decision, annex the area that is the subject of the 478 annexation petition. 479 (2) A municipal legislative body may not deny an annexation petition proposing to annex 480 an area located in a county of the first class if: 481 (a) the petition contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that: (i) is located within the area proposed for annexation; 482 483 (ii) covers a majority of the private land area within the area proposed for annexation; and 484 (iii) is equal in value to at least 1/2 of the value of all private real property within the area proposed for annexation; 485 486 (b) the population in the area proposed for annexation does not exceed [10%] 5% of the 487 population of the proposed annexing municipality: [and] 488 (c) the property tax rate for municipal services in the area proposed to be annexed is higher 489 than the property tax rate of the proposed annexing municipality; and 490 (d) all annexations by the proposed annexing municipality during the year that the petition 491 was filed have not increased the municipality's population by more than 10%. Section 9. Section **10-2-409** is amended to read: 492

493	10-2-409. Boundary commission Creation Members.
494	(1) The legislative body of each county:
495	(a) may create a boundary commission on its own initiative at any time; and
496	(b) shall create a boundary commission within 30 days of the filing of a protest under
497	Section 10-2-407.
498	(2) [(a)] Each commission shall be composed of:
499	[(i)] (a) in a county with two or more municipalities:
500	[(A)] (i) two members who are elected county officers, appointed by:
501	(A) (I) in a county of the first class operating under a form of government in which the
502	executive and legislative functions are separated, the county executive with the advice and consent
503	of the county legislative body; or
504	(II) in a county of the first class operating under a form of government in which the
505	executive and legislative functions of the governing body are not separated, the county legislative
506	body; <u>or</u>
507	(B) in a specified county, the county legislative body;
508	[(B)] (ii) two members who are elected municipal officers from separate municipalities
509	within the county, appointed by the municipal selection committee; and
510	$\left[\frac{(C)}{(C)}\right]$ (iii) three members who are residents of the county, none of whom is a county or
511	municipal officer, appointed by the four other members [under Subsections (2)(a)(i)(A) and (B)]
512	of the boundary commission; and
513	[(ii)] (b) in a county with only one municipality:
514	[(A)] (i) two members who are county elected officers, appointed by [:] the county
515	legislative body;
516	[(1) in a county operating under a form of government in which the executive and
517	legislative functions are separated, the county executive with the advice and consent of the county
518	legislative body; or]
519	[(II) in a county operating under a form of government in which the executive and
520	legislative functions of the governing body are not separated, the county legislative body;]
521	[(B)] (ii) one member who is a municipal officer, appointed by the [municipal legislative]
522	governing body of the municipality; and
523	$\left[\frac{(C)}{(C)}\right]$ (iii) two members who are residents of the county, neither of whom is a county or

524	municipal officer, appointed by the other three members [under Subsections (2)(a)(ii)(A) and (B)]
525	of the boundary commission.
526	[(b) For purposes of Subsection (2)(a)(i)(B), a majority of the municipal selection
527	committee constitutes a quorum, and action of the municipal selection committee requires a
528	majority vote of a quorum.]
529	(3) At the expiration of the term of each member appointed under this section, the
530	member's successor shall be appointed by the same body that appointed the member whose term
531	is expiring, as provided in this section.
532	[(4) Each boundary commission created before May 5, 1997, under Chapter 25, Laws of
533	Utah 1979, shall continue in existence and thereafter be governed by the provisions of this part.]
534	Section 10. Section 10-2-409.5 is enacted to read:
535	<u>10-2-409.5.</u> Municipal selection committee.
536	(1) In each county in which there are two or more municipalities there shall be a municipal
537	selection committee consisting of the mayor of each municipality.
538	(2) A majority of the members of the municipal selection committee constitutes a quorum.
539	(3) The municipal selection committee shall appoint each municipal member of the county
540	boundary commission under Subsection 10-2-409(2)(a)(iii) and fill each vacancy in that position
541	as it occurs.
542	Section 11. Section 10-2-410 is amended to read:
543	10-2-410. Boundary commission member terms Staggered terms Chair
544	Quorum Vacancy.
545	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the term of each member of a boundary
546	commission is four years and begins and expires the first Monday in January of the applicable year
547	(2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the terms of the first members of a commission shall
548	be staggered by lot so that:
549	(a) on a seven-member commission, the term of one member is approximately one year,
550	the term of two members is approximately two years, the term of two members is approximately
551	three years, and the term of two members is approximately four years; and
552	(b) on a five-member commission, the term of two members is approximately two years
553	and the term of the other three members is approximately four years.
554	(3) (a) The members of each boundary commission shall elect as chair a person from their

555	number whose term on the boundary commission does not expire for at least two years.
556	(b) The term of a boundary commission chair is two years.
557	(4) A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum, and commission action requires
558	a majority vote of [a quorum] the commission.
559	(5) Each vacancy on a commission of a member or an alternate member shall be filled for
560	the remaining unexpired term of the vacating member by the body that appointed the vacating
561	member under Section 10-2-409.
562	Section 12. Section 10-2-411 is amended to read:
563	10-2-411. Disqualification of commission member Alternate member.
564	(1) A member of the <u>boundary</u> commission is disqualified with respect to a protest before
565	the commission if that member owns property:
566	(a) for a proposed annexation of an area located within a county of the first class:
567	(i) within the area proposed for annexation in a petition that is the subject of the protest;
568	or
569	[(b)] (ii) that is in the unincorporated area within $1/2$ mile of the area proposed for
570	annexation in a petition that is the subject of a protest under Subsection $10-2-407(1)(a)[(iv)](i)(D)$:
571	<u>or</u>
572	(b) for a proposed annexation of an area located in a specified county, within the area
573	proposed for annexation.
574	(2) If a member is disqualified under Subsection (1), the body that appointed the
575	disqualified member shall appoint an alternate member to serve on the commission for purposes
576	of the protest as to which the member is disqualified.
577	Section 13. Section 10-2-412 is amended to read:
578	10-2-412. Boundary commission authority Expenses Records.
579	(1) The boundary commission for each county shall hear and decide, according to the
580	provisions of this part, each protest filed under Section 10-2-407, with respect to an area that is
581	located within that county.
582	(2) A boundary commission may:
583	(a) adopt and enforce rules of procedure for the orderly and fair conduct of its proceedings;
584	(b) authorize a member of the commission to administer oaths if necessary in the
585	performance of the commission's duties;

586	(c) employ staff personnel and professional or consulting services reasonably necessary
587	to enable the commission to carry out its duties; and
588	(d) incur reasonable and necessary expenses to enable the commission to carry out its
589	duties.
590	(3) The legislative body of each county shall, with respect to the boundary commission in
591	that county:
592	(a) furnish the commission necessary quarters, equipment, and supplies;
593	(b) pay necessary operating expenses incurred by the commission; and
594	(c) reimburse the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by each member appointed
595	under Subsection 10-2-409(2)(a)[(i)(C)](iii) or [(ii)(C)] (b)(iii), unless otherwise provided by
596	interlocal agreement.
597	(4) Each county or municipal legislative body shall reimburse the reasonable and necessary
598	expenses incurred by a commission member who is an elected county or municipal officer,
599	respectively.
600	(5) Records, information, and other relevant materials necessary to enable the commission
601	to carry out its duties shall, upon request by the commission, be furnished to the boundary
602	commission by the personnel, employees, and officers of:
603	(a) for a proposed annexation of an area located in a county of the first class:
604	(i) each county and special district whose boundaries include an area that is the subject of
605	a protest under the commission's consideration; and
606	[(b)] (ii) each municipality whose boundaries may be affected by action of the boundary
607	commission <u>; or</u>
608	(b) for a proposed annexation of an area located in a specified county, each affected entity:
609	(i) whose boundaries include any part of the area proposed for annexation; or
610	(ii) that may be affected by action of the boundary commission.
611	Section 14. Section 10-2-413 is amended to read:
612	10-2-413. Feasibility consultant Feasibility study Modifications to feasibility
613	study.
614	(1) (a) [Unless] For a proposed annexation of an area located in a county of the first class,
615	unless a proposed annexing municipality denies an annexation petition under Subsection
616	10-2-407(3)(a)(i)(A) and except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), the commission shall choose and

617	engage a feasibility consultant within 45 days of:
618	(i) the commission's receipt of a protest under Section 10-2-407, if the commission had
619	been created before the filing of the protest; or
620	(ii) the commission's creation, if the commission is created after the filing of a protest.
621	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the commission may not require a feasibility study
622	with respect to a [proposed] petition that proposes the annexation of an area that [meets the criteria
623	of Subsection 10-2-407(2)(e)]:
624	(i) is undeveloped; and
625	(ii) covers an area that is equivalent to less than 5% of the total land mass of all private real
626	property within the municipality.
627	(2) The commission shall require the feasibility consultant to:
628	(a) complete a feasibility study on the proposed annexation and submit written results of
629	the study to the commission no later than 75 days after the feasibility consultant is engaged to
630	conduct the study;
631	(b) submit with the full written results of the feasibility study a summary of the results no
632	longer than a page in length; and
633	(c) attend the public hearing under Subsection 10-2-415(1) and present the feasibility study
634	results and respond to questions at that hearing.
635	(3) (a) Subject to Subsection (4), the feasibility study shall consider:
636	(i) the population and population density within the area proposed for annexation, the
637	surrounding unincorporated area, and, if a protest was filed by a municipality with boundaries
638	within 1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation, that municipality;
639	(ii) the geography, geology, and topography of and natural boundaries within the area
640	proposed for annexation, the surrounding unincorporated area, and, if a protest was filed by a
641	municipality with boundaries within 1/2 mile of the area proposed for annexation, that
642	municipality;
643	(iii) whether the proposed annexation eliminates, leaves, or creates an unincorporated
644	island or peninsula;
645	(iv) whether the proposed annexation will hinder or prevent a future and more logical and
646	beneficial annexation or a future logical and beneficial incorporation;
647	(v) the fiscal impact of the proposed annexation on the remaining unincorporated area,

other municipalities, special districts, school districts, and other governmental entities;

- (vi) current and five-year projections of demographics and economic base in the area
 proposed for annexation and surrounding unincorporated area, including household size and
 income, commercial and industrial development, and public facilities;
- (vii) projected growth in the area proposed for annexation and the surroundingunincorporated area during the next five years;

654 (viii) the present and five-year projections of the cost of governmental services in the area 655 proposed for annexation;

(ix) the present and five-year projected revenue to the proposed annexing municipalityfrom the area proposed for annexation;

(x) the projected impact the annexation will have over the following five years on the
 amount of taxes that property owners within the area proposed for annexation, the proposed
 annexing municipality, and the remaining unincorporated county will pay;

661 (xi) past expansion in terms of population and construction in the area proposed for 662 annexation and the surrounding unincorporated area;

663 (xii) the extension during the past ten years of the boundaries of each other municipality 664 near the area proposed for annexation, the willingness of the other municipality to annex the area 665 proposed for annexation, and the probability that another municipality would annex some or all 666 of the area proposed for annexation during the next five years if the annexation did not occur;

667 (xiii) the history, culture, and social aspects of the area proposed for annexation and 668 surrounding area;

(xiv) the method of providing and the entity that has provided municipal-type services in
the past to the area proposed for incorporation and the feasibility of municipal-type services being
provided by the proposed annexing municipality; and

672 (xv) the effect on each school district whose boundaries include part or all of the area673 proposed for annexation or the proposed annexing municipality.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a)(ix), the feasibility consultant shall assume ad
valorem property tax rates on residential property within the area proposed for annexation at the
same level that residential property within the proposed annexing municipality would be without
the annexation.

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(c) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a)(viii), the feasibility consultant shall assume that the

679 level and quality of governmental services that will be provided to the area proposed for 680 annexation in the future is essentially comparable to the level and quality of governmental services 681 being provided within the proposed annexing municipality at the time of the feasibility study. 682 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the commission may modify the depth of 683 study of and detail given to the items listed in Subsection (3)(a) by the feasibility consultant in 684 conducting the feasibility study depending upon: 685 (i) the size of the area proposed for annexation; 686 (ii) the size of the proposed annexing municipality; 687 (iii) the extent to which the area proposed for annexation is developed; 688 (iv) the degree to which the area proposed for annexation is expected to develop and the 689 type of development expected; and 690 (v) the number and type of protests filed against the proposed annexation. 691 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the commission may not modify the requirement 692 that the feasibility consultant provide a full and complete analysis of the items listed in Subsections 693 (3)(a)(viii), (ix), and (xv). 694 (5) If the results of the feasibility study do not meet the requirements of Subsection 695 10-2-416(3), the feasibility consultant may, as part of the feasibility study, make recommendations 696 as to how the boundaries of the area proposed for annexation may be altered so that the 697 requirements of Subsection 10-2-416(3) may be met. 698 (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), the feasibility consultant fees and expenses 699 shall be shared equally by the proposed annexing municipality and each entity or group under 700 Subsection 10-2-407(1) that files a protest. 701 (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii), if a protest is filed by property owners 702 under Subsection 10-2-407(1)(a)[(iv)](ii), the county in which the area proposed for annexation 703 shall pay the owners' share of the feasibility consultant's fees and expenses. 704 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(b)(i), if both the county and the property owners file 705 a protest, the county and the proposed annexing municipality shall equally share the property 706 owners' share of the feasibility consultant's fees and expenses. 707 Section 15. Section 10-2-414 is amended to read: 708 **10-2-414.** Modified annexation petition -- Supplemental feasibility study. 709 (1) (a) (i) If the results of the feasibility study with respect to a proposed annexation of an

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710 area located in a county of the first class do not meet the requirements of Subsection 10-2-416(3),

the sponsors of the annexation petition may, within 45 days of the feasibility consultant's

submission of the results of the study, file with the city recorder or town clerk of the proposed

annexing municipality a modified annexation petition altering the boundaries of the proposed

annexation.

(ii) On the date of filing a modified annexation petition under Subsection (1)(a)(i), the
sponsors of the annexation petition shall deliver or mail a copy of the modified annexation petition
to the clerk of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located.

(b) Each modified annexation petition under Subsection (1)(a) shall comply with the
requirements of Subsections 10-2-403(2), (3), and (4).

(2) (a) Within 20 days of the city recorder or town clerk's receipt of the modified
annexation petition, the city recorder or town clerk, as the case may be, shall follow the same
procedure for the modified annexation petition as provided under Subsections 10-2-405(2) and
(3)(a) for an original annexation petition.

(b) If the city recorder or town clerk certifies the modified annexation petition under
Subsection 10-2-405(2)(b)(i), the city recorder or town clerk, as the case may be, shall send written
notice of the certification to:

727 (i) the commission;

(ii) each entity that filed a protest to the annexation petition; and

(iii) if a protest was filed under Subsection 10-2-407(1)(a)[(iv)](ii), the contact person.

(c) (i) If the modified annexation petition proposes the annexation of an area that includes
part or all of a special district or school district that was not included in the area proposed for
annexation in the original petition, the city recorder or town clerk, as the case may be, shall also
send notice of the certification of the modified annexation petition to the board of the special
district or school district.

(ii) If the area proposed for annexation in the modified annexation petition is within 1/2
mile of the boundaries of a municipality whose boundaries were not within 1/2 mile of the area
proposed for annexation in the original annexation petition, the city recorder or town clerk, as the
case may be, shall also send notice of the certification of the modified annexation petition to the
legislative body of that municipality.

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(3) Within ten days of the commission's receipt of the notice under Subsection (2)(b), the

commission shall engage the feasibility consultant that conducted the feasibility study to

- supplement the feasibility study to take into account the information in the modified annexationpetition that was not included in the original annexation petition.
- (4) The commission shall require the feasibility consultant to complete the supplemental
 feasibility study and to submit written results of the supplemental study to the commission no later
 than 30 days after the feasibility consultant is engaged to conduct the supplemental feasibility
 study.
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Section 16. Section **10-2-415** is amended to read:

749 **10-2-415.** Public hearing -- Notice.

(1) (a) (i) If the results of the feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study meet the
 requirements of Subsection 10-2-416(3) with respect to a proposed annexation of an area located
 in a county of the first class, the commission shall hold a public hearing within 30 days of receipt
 of the feasibility study or supplemental feasibility study results.

- 754 [(2)] (ii) At the hearing under Subsection (1)(a)(i), the commission shall:
- 755 [(a)] (A) require the feasibility consultant to present the results of the feasibility study and,
 756 if applicable, the supplemental feasibility study;
- 757 [(b)] (B) allow those present to ask questions of the feasibility consultant regarding the
 758 study results; and
- 759 [(c)] (C) allow those present to speak to the issue of annexation.
- 760 [(3)(a)](iii)(A) The commission shall:
- [(i)] (I) publish notice of [the] each hearing under Subsection (1)(a)(i) at least once a week
 for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the area proposed for
 annexation, the surrounding 1/2 mile of unincorporated area, and the proposed annexing
 municipality; and
- [(ii)] (II) send written notice of the hearing to the municipal legislative body of the
 proposed annexing municipality, the contact sponsor on the annexation petition, each entity that
 filed a protest, and, if a protest was filed under Subsection 10-2-407(1)(a)[(iv)](ii), the contact
 person.
- [(b)] (B) If there is no newspaper of general circulation within the areas described in
 Subsection [(3)(a)(i)] (1)(a)(iii)(A)(I), the commission shall give the notice required under that
 subsection by posting notices, at least seven days before the hearing, in conspicuous places within

772	those areas that are most likely to give notice of the hearing to the residents of those areas.
773	[(c)] (C) The notices under Subsections [(3)(a) and (b)] (1)(a)(iii)(A) and (B) shall include
774	the feasibility study summary under Subsection 10-2-413(2)(b) and shall indicate that a full copy
775	of the study is available for inspection and copying at the office of the commission.
776	(b) (i) Within 30 days after time under Subsection 10-2-407(2) for filing a protest has
777	expired with respect to a proposed annexation of an area located in a specified county, the
778	boundary commission shall hold a hearing on all protests that were filed with respect to the
779	proposed annexation.
780	(ii) (A) At least 14 days before the date of each hearing under Subsection (1)(b)(i), the
781	commission chair shall cause notice of the hearing to be published in a newspaper of general
782	circulation within the area proposed for annexation.
783	(B) Each notice under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) shall:
784	(I) state the date, time, and place of the hearing;
785	(II) briefly summarize the nature of the protest; and
786	(III) state that a copy of the protest is on file at the commission's office.
787	(iii) The commission may continue a hearing under Subsection (1)(b)(i) from time to time,
788	but no continued hearing may be held later than 60 days after the original hearing date.
789	(iv) In considering protests, the commission shall consider whether the proposed
790	annexation:
791	(A) is substantially in compliance with the requirements of Subsection 10-2-403(5) and
792	the annexation policy plan of the proposed annexing municipality;
793	(B) conflicts with the annexation policy plan of another municipality; and
794	(C) if the proposed annexation includes urban development, will have an adverse tax
795	consequence on the remaining unincorporated area of the county.
796	[(4)] (2) (a) The commission shall record [the] each hearing under this section by
797	electronic means.
798	(b) A transcription of the recording under Subsection [(4)] (2)(a), the feasibility study, if
799	applicable, information received at the hearing, and the written decision of the commission shall
800	constitute the record of the hearing.
801	Section 17. Section 10-2-416 is amended to read:
802	10-2-416. Commission decision Written decision.

803	(1) Subject to Subsection (3), after the public hearing under Subsection 10-2-415(1) the
804	boundary commission may:
805	(a) approve the proposed annexation, either with or without conditions;
806	(b) make minor modifications to the proposed annexation and approve it, either with or
807	without conditions; or
808	(c) disapprove the proposed annexation.
809	(2) The commission shall issue a written decision on the proposed annexation within 20
810	days [of] after the conclusion of the hearing under [Subsection 10-2-415(1)] Section 10-2-415 and
811	shall send a copy of the decision to:
812	(a) the legislative body of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is located;
813	(b) the legislative body of the proposed annexing municipality;
814	(c) the contact person on the annexation petition;
815	(d) the contact person of each entity that filed a protest; and
816	(e) if a protest was filed under Subsection $10-2-407(1)(a)[(iv)](ii)$ with respect to a
817	proposed annexation of an area located in a county of the first class, the contact person designated
818	in the protest.
819	(3) [The] Except for an annexation for which a feasibility study may not be required under
820	Subsection 10-2-413(1)(b), the commission may not approve a proposed annexation of an area
821	located within a county of the first class unless the results of the feasibility study under Section
822	10-2-413 show that the average annual amount under Subsection 10-2-413(3)(a)(ix) does not
823	exceed the average annual amount under Subsection 10-2-413(3)(a)(viii) by more than 5%.
824	Section 18. Section 10-2-421 is amended to read:
825	10-2-421. Electric utility service in annexed area.
826	(1) If the electric consumers of the area being annexed are receiving electric utility services
827	from sources other than the annexing municipality, the municipality may not, without the consent
828	of the electric utility, furnish its electric utility services to the electric consumers until the
829	municipality has reimbursed the electric utility company [which] that previously provided the
830	services for the [fair market] value of those facilities dedicated to provide service to the annexed
831	area.
832	(2) If the annexing municipality and the electric utility cannot agree on the [fair market]
833	value, [it shall be determined by] the state court having jurisdiction shall determine the value that

834	the municipality shall reimburse to the electric utility company, which shall be the fair market
835	value of the facilities dedicated to provide service to the annexed area.
836	Section 19. Section 10-2-426 is amended to read:
837	10-2-426. Division of municipal-type services revenues.
838	(1) The legislative body of [the] each county of the first class in which an area proposed
839	for annexation under this part is located shall, until the date of annexation, continue:
840	(a) to levy and collect ad valorem property tax and other revenues from or pertaining to
841	the area; and
842	(b) except as otherwise agreed by the county legislative body and the municipal legislative
843	body, to provide the same services to the area proposed for annexation as the county provided
844	before the commencement of the annexation proceedings.
845	(2) (a) The legislative body of [the] each county of the first class in which an area proposed
846	for annexation is located shall, after annexation, share pro rata with the annexing municipality the
847	taxes and service charges or fees levied and collected by the county under Section 17-34-3 during
848	the year of the annexation if and to the extent that the annexing municipality provides, by itself or
849	by contract, the same services for which the county levied and collected the taxes and service
850	charges or fees.
851	(b) The pro rata allocation of taxes under Subsection (2)(a) shall be based on the date of
852	annexation, and the pro rata allocation of service charges and fees shall be based on the proportion
853	of services related to the service charges and fees that remain to be rendered after annexation.
854	Section 20. Repealer.
855	This act repeals:
856	Section 10-2-404, Certain annexation petitions invalid Certain petitions considered
857	filed on May 5, 1997 Signatures on invalid petitions Special requirements for certain
858	petitions.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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