

HB212 S1: COUNTY FORMATION AMENDMENTS

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HB212 CREATES AN ALTERNATE PATH FOR A COUNTY WITH OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE TO SPLIT INTO 2 COUNTIES. IT DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO CALL FOR THE SPLIT OF ANY COUNTY. RATHER PROVIDES ANOTHER OPTION TO COUNTIES THAT HAVE A LARGE POPULATION IN SUPPORT OF SPLITTING.

A city with $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population of the county, or multiple cities with populations that equal $\frac{1}{3}$, may pass a triggering resolution to divide the county.

Once the triggering resolution is accepted by the county clerk, a feasibility study is conducted to determine if the split is functionally or financially feasible.

The proposition to split the county is sent to the ballot to allow all voters in the county to make the final decision on the split.



CURRENT LAW

allows for a county to split if $\frac{1}{4}$ of the county signs a petition for the creation of a new county.



ADDS A FEASIBILITY STUDY

that considers the population of the counties, the projected growth, and the financial costs for county services.