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1	MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION REVISIONS
2	2020 SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Calvin R. Musselman
5	Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill modifies provisions related to municipal annexation.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	<ul> <li>repeals provisions that allow a municipality to annex certain unincorporated areas</li> </ul>
13	without an annexation petition; and
14	<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
15	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
16	None
17	Other Special Clauses:
18	None
19	Utah Code Sections Affected:
20	AMENDS:
21	10-2-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 15
22	10-2-418, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 15
23	17B-1-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 208
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25	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
26	Section 1. Section 10-2-402 is amended to read:
27	10-2-402. Annexation Limitations.
28	(1) (a) A contiguous, unincorporated area that is contiguous to a municipality may be
29	annexed to the municipality as provided in this part.

30	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), an unincorporated area may not be
31	annexed to a municipality unless:
32	(i) it is a contiguous area;
33	(ii) it is contiguous to the municipality;
34	(iii) annexation will not leave or create an unincorporated island or unincorporated
35	peninsula:
36	(A) except as provided in Subsection 10-2-418(3) [or (4)]; or
37	(B) unless the county and municipality have otherwise agreed; and
38	(iv) for an area located in a specified county with respect to an annexation that occurs
39	after December 31, 2002, the area is within the proposed annexing municipality's expansion
40	area.
41	(c) A municipality may annex an unincorporated area within a specified county that
42	does not meet the requirements of Subsection (1)(b), leaving or creating an unincorporated
43	island or unincorporated peninsula, if:
44	(i) the area is within the annexing municipality's expansion area;
45	(ii) the specified county in which the area is located and the annexing municipality
46	agree to the annexation;
47	(iii) the area is not within the area of another municipality's annexation policy plan,
48	unless the other municipality agrees to the annexation; and
49	(iv) the annexation is for the purpose of providing municipal services to the area.
50	(2) Except as provided in Section 10-2-418, a municipality may not annex an
51	unincorporated area unless a petition under Section 10-2-403 is filed requesting annexation.
52	(3) (a) An annexation under this part may not include part of a parcel of real property
53	and exclude part of that same parcel unless the owner of that parcel has signed the annexation
54	petition under Section 10-2-403.
55	(b) A piece of real property that has more than one parcel number is considered to be a
56	single parcel for purposes of Subsection (3)(a) if owned by the same owner.
57	(4) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area in a specified county for the

sole purpose of acquiring municipal revenue or to retard the capacity of another municipality to annex the same or a related area unless the municipality has the ability and intent to benefit the annexed area by providing municipal services to the annexed area.

- (5) (a) As used in this subsection, "expansion area urban development" means:
- (i) for a specified county, urban development within a city or town's expansion area; or
- (ii) for a county of the first class, urban development within a city or town's expansion area that:
  - (A) consists of 50 or more acres;

- (B) requires the county to change the zoning designation of the land on which the urban development is located; and
- (C) does not include commercial or industrial development that is located within a mining protection area as defined in Section 17-41-101, regardless of whether the commercial or industrial development is for a mining use as defined in Section 17-41-101.
- (b) A county legislative body may not approve expansion area urban development unless:
  - (i) the county notifies the city or town of the proposed development; and
  - (ii) (A) the city or town consents in writing to the development;
- (B) within 90 days after the county's notification of the proposed development, the city or town submits to the county a written objection to the county's approval of the proposed development and the county responds in writing to the city or town's objection; or
- (C) the city or town fails to respond to the county's notification of the proposed development within 90 days after the day on which the county provides the notice.
- (6) (a) An annexation petition may not be filed under this part proposing the annexation of an area located in a county that is not the county in which the proposed annexing municipality is located unless the legislative body of the county in which the area is located has adopted a resolution approving the proposed annexation.
- (b) Each county legislative body that declines to adopt a resolution approving a proposed annexation described in Subsection (6)(a) shall provide a written explanation of its

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- 87 (7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7), "airport" means an area that the Federal Aviation 88 Administration has, by a record of decision, approved for the construction or operation of a 89 Class I, II, or III commercial service airport, as designated by the Federal Aviation 90 Administration in 14 C.F.R. Part 139.
  - (b) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area within 5,000 feet of the center line of any runway of an airport operated or to be constructed and operated by another municipality unless the legislative body of the other municipality adopts a resolution consenting to the annexation.
  - (c) A municipality that operates or intends to construct and operate an airport and does not adopt a resolution consenting to the annexation of an area described in Subsection (7)(b) may not deny an annexation petition proposing the annexation of that same area to that municipality.
  - (8) (a) As used in this subsection, "project area" means a project area as defined in Section 63H-1-102 that is in a project area plan as defined in Section 63H-1-102 adopted by the Military Installation Development Authority under Title 63H, Chapter 1, Military Installation Development Authority Act.
  - (b) A municipality may not annex an unincorporated area located within a project area without the authority's approval.
  - (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(c)(ii), the Military Installation

    Development Authority may petition for annexation of the following areas to a municipality as if it was the sole private property owner within the area:
    - (A) an area within a project area;
- 109 (B) an area that is contiguous to a project area and within the boundaries of a military installation;
  - (C) an area owned by the Military Installation Development Authority; and
- 112 (D) an area that is contiguous to an area owned by the Military Installation
  113 Development Authority that the Military Installation Development Authority plans to add to an

114	existing project area.
115	(ii) If any portion of an area annexed under a petition for annexation filed by the
116	Military Installation Development Authority is located in a specified county:
117	(A) the annexation process shall follow the requirements for a specified county; and
118	(B) the provisions of Subsection 10-2-402(6) do not apply.
119	Section 2. Section 10-2-418 is amended to read:
120	10-2-418. Annexation of an island or peninsula without a petition Notice
121	Hearing.
122	(1) As used in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), for purposes of an annexation conducted in
123	accordance with this section of an area located within a county of the first class,
124	"municipal-type services" does not include a service provided by a municipality pursuant to a
125	contract that the municipality has with another political subdivision as "political subdivision" is
126	defined in Section 17B-1-102.
127	(2) Notwithstanding Subsection 10-2-402(2), a municipality may annex an
128	unincorporated area under this section without an annexation petition if:
129	(a) for an unincorporated area within the expansion area of more than one municipality,
130	each municipality agrees to the annexation; and
131	(b) (i) (A) the area to be annexed consists of one or more unincorporated islands within
132	or unincorporated peninsulas contiguous to the municipality;
133	(B) the majority of each island or peninsula consists of residential or commercial
134	development;
135	(C) the area proposed for annexation requires the delivery of municipal-type services;
136	and
137	(D) the municipality has provided most or all of the municipal-type services to the area
138	for more than one year;
139	(ii) (A) the area to be annexed consists of one or more unincorporated islands within or
140	unincorporated peninsulas contiguous to the municipality, each of which has fewer than 800
141	residents; and

142	(B) the municipality has provided one or more municipal-type services to the area for
143	at least one year;
144	(iii) the area consists of:
145	(A) an unincorporated island within or an unincorporated peninsula contiguous to the
146	municipality; and
147	(B) for an area outside of the county of the first class proposed for annexation, no more
148	than 50 acres; or
149	(iv) (A) the area to be annexed consists only of one or more unincorporated islands in a
150	county of the second class;
151	(B) the area to be annexed is located in the expansion area of a municipality; and
152	(C) the county legislative body in which the municipality is located provides notice to
153	each property owner within the area to be annexed that the county legislative body will hold a
154	public hearing, no less than 15 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides
155	the notice, and may make a recommendation of annexation to the municipality whose
156	expansion area includes the area to be annexed after the public hearing.
157	[(3) Notwithstanding Subsection 10-2-402(1)(b)(iii), (2), or (6), a municipality may
158	annex an unincorporated area without an annexation petition or the consent of the county in
159	which the area proposed for annexation is located, if:]
160	[(a) the area proposed for annexation:]
161	[(i) is located within a specified county;]
162	[(ii) includes private real property that is located within a county that is not the county
163	in which the proposed annexing municipality is located;]
164	[(iii) includes real property that is:]
165	[(A) owned by a public entity; and]
166	[(B) located in the county in which the proposed annexing municipality is located; and]
167	[(iv) does not include urban development;]
168	[(b) any portion of the private real property described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) is located
169	within two miles of the proposed annexing municipality's boundary; and]

170	[(c) each owner of private real property within the area proposed for annexation
171	consents in writing to the proposed annexation.]
172	[(4)] (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 10-2-402(1)(b)(iii), a municipality may annex a
173	portion of an unincorporated island or unincorporated peninsula under this section, leaving
174	unincorporated the remainder of the unincorporated island or unincorporated peninsula, if:
175	(a) in adopting the resolution under Subsection $[(6)]$ (5)(a) the municipal legislative
176	body determines that not annexing the entire unincorporated island or unincorporated peninsula
177	is in the municipality's best interest; and
178	(b) for an annexation of one or more unincorporated islands under Subsection (2)(b),
179	the entire island of unincorporated area, of which a portion is being annexed, complies with the
180	requirement of Subsection (2)(b)(ii) relating to the number of residents.
181	[(5)] $(4)$ (a) This subsection applies only to an annexation within a county of the first
182	class.
183	(b) A county of the first class shall agree to an annexation if the majority of private
184	property owners within the area to be annexed give written consent to the annexation, in
185	accordance with Subsection $[(5)]$ $(4)$ (d), to the recorder of the annexing municipality.
186	(c) For purposes of Subsection $[(5)]$ $(4)$ (b), the majority of private property owners is
187	property owners who own:
188	(i) the majority of the total private land area within the area proposed for annexation;
189	and
190	(ii) private real property equal to at least 1/2 the value of private real property within
191	the area proposed for annexation.
192	(d) A property owner consenting to annexation shall indicate the property owner's
193	consent on a form which includes language in substantially the following form:
194	"Notice: If this written consent is used to proceed with an annexation of your property
195	in accordance with Utah Code Section 10-2-418, no public election is required by law to
196	approve the annexation. If you sign this consent and later decide you do not want to support
197	the annexation of your property, you may withdraw your signature by submitting a signed,

written withdrawal with the recorder or clerk of [name of annexing municipality]. If you choose to withdraw your signature, you must do so no later than the close of the public hearing on the annexation conducted in accordance with Utah Code Subsection 10-2-418[(5)](4)(d).".

- (e) A private property owner may withdraw the property owner's signature indicating consent by submitting a signed, written withdrawal with the recorder or clerk no later than the close of the public hearing held in accordance with Subsection [(6)] (5)(b).
- [(6)] (5) The legislative body of each municipality intending to annex an area under this section shall:
- (a) adopt a resolution indicating the municipal legislative body's intent to annex the area, describing the area proposed to be annexed; and
- (b) hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation no earlier than 30 days after the adoption of the resolution described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(a).
- [(7)] (6) A legislative body described in Subsection [(6)] (5) shall publish notice of a public hearing described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b):
- (a) (i) at least once a week for three successive weeks before the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality and the area proposed for annexation;
- (ii) if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the combined area described in Subsection [(7)] (6)(a)(i), at least three weeks before the day of the public hearing, by posting one notice, and at least one additional notice per 2,000 population in the combined area, in places within the combined area that are most likely to give notice to the residents within, and the owners of real property located within, the combined area; or
- (iii) at least three weeks before the day of the public hearing, by mailing notice to each residence within, and each owner of real property located within, the combined area described in Subsection [(7)] (6)(a)(i);
- (b) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701, for three weeks before the day of the public hearing;
- (c) in accordance with Section 45-1-101, for three weeks before the day of the public hearing;

226	(d) by sending written notice to:
227	(i) the board of each local district and special service district whose boundaries contain
228	some or all of the area proposed for annexation; and
229	(ii) the legislative body of the county in which the area proposed for annexation is
230	located; and
231	(e) if the municipality has a website, on the municipality's website for three weeks
232	before the day of the public hearing.
233	$[\frac{8}{2}]$ The legislative body of the annexing municipality shall ensure that:
234	(a) each notice described in Subsection [ <del>(7)</del> ] <u>(6)</u> :
235	(i) states that the municipal legislative body has adopted a resolution indicating the
236	municipality's intent to annex the area proposed for annexation;
237	(ii) states the date, time, and place of the public hearing described in Subsection [ <del>(6)</del> ]
238	<u>(5)</u> (b);
239	(iii) describes the area proposed for annexation; and
240	(iv) except for an annexation that meets the requirements of Subsection $[(9)]$ (8)(b) or
241	(c), states in conspicuous and plain terms that the municipal legislative body will annex the
242	area unless, at or before the public hearing described in Subsection [ $\frac{(6)}{(5)}$ ] $\frac{(5)}{(5)}$ (b), written protests
243	to the annexation are filed by the owners of private real property that:
244	(A) is located within the area proposed for annexation;
245	(B) covers a majority of the total private land area within the entire area proposed for
246	annexation; and
247	(C) is equal in value to at least 1/2 the value of all private real property within the
248	entire area proposed for annexation; and
249	(b) the first publication of the notice described in Subsection $[(7)]$ (6)(a) occurs within
250	14 days after the day on which the municipal legislative body adopts a resolution under
251	Subsection $[(6)]$ $(5)$ (a).
252	[(9)] (8) (a) Except as provided in Subsections $[(9)]$ (8)(b)(i) and $[(9)]$ (8)(c)(i), upon
253	conclusion of the public hearing described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b), the municipal legislative

body may adopt an ordinance approving the annexation of the area proposed for annexation under this section unless, at or before the hearing, written protests to the annexation have been filed with the recorder or clerk of the municipality by the owners of private real property that:

(i) is located within the area proposed for annexation;

- (ii) covers a majority of the total private land area within the entire area proposed for annexation; and
- (iii) is equal in value to at least 1/2 the value of all private real property within the entire area proposed for annexation.
- (b) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection [(9)] (8)(a), upon conclusion of the public hearing described in Subsection [(6)] (5)(b), a municipality may adopt an ordinance approving the annexation of the area proposed for annexation under this section without allowing or considering protests under Subsection [(9)] (8)(a) if[:(A)] the owners of at least 75% of the total private land area within the entire area proposed for annexation, representing at least 75% of the value of the private real property within the entire area proposed for annexation, have consented in writing to the annexation[; or].
  - [(B) the annexation meets the requirements of Subsection (3).]
- (ii) Upon the effective date under Section 10-2-425 of an annexation approved by an ordinance adopted under Subsection [(9)] (8)(b)(i), the area annexed is conclusively presumed to be validly annexed.
- (c) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection [(9)] (8)(a), upon conclusion of the public hearing described in Subsection [(6)] ((5))(b), a municipality may adopt an ordinance approving the annexation of an area that the county legislative body proposes for annexation under this section without allowing or considering protests under Subsection [(9)] (8)(a) if the county legislative body has formally recommended annexation to the annexing municipality and has made a formal finding that:
- (A) the area to be annexed can be more efficiently served by the municipality than by the county;
  - (B) the area to be annexed is not likely to be naturally annexed by the municipality in

282 the future as the result of urban development;

- (C) annexation of the area is likely to facilitate the consolidation of overlapping functions of local government; and
- (D) annexation of the area is likely to result in an equitable distribution of community resources and obligations.
- (ii) The county legislative body may base the finding required in Subsection [(9)] (8)(c)(i)(B) on:
  - (A) existing development in the area;
  - (B) natural or other conditions that may limit the future development of the area; or
  - (C) other factors that the county legislative body considers relevant.
- (iii) A county legislative body may make the recommendation for annexation required in Subsection [(9)] (8)(c)(i) for only a portion of an unincorporated island if, as a result of information provided at the public hearing, the county legislative body makes a formal finding that it would be equitable to leave a portion of the island unincorporated.
- (iv) If a county legislative body has made a recommendation of annexation under Subsection [9] (8)(c)(i):
- (A) the relevant municipality is not required to proceed with the recommended annexation; and
- (B) if the relevant municipality proceeds with annexation, the municipality shall annex the entire area that the county legislative body recommended for annexation.
- (v) Upon the effective date under Section 10-2-425 of an annexation approved by an ordinance adopted under Subsection [(9)] (8)(c)(i), the area annexed is conclusively presumed to be validly annexed.
- [(10)] (9) (a) Except as provided in Subsections [(9)] (8)(b)(i) and [(9)] (8)(c)(i), if protests are timely filed under Subsection [(9)] (8)(a), the municipal legislative body may not adopt an ordinance approving the annexation of the area proposed for annexation, and the annexation proceedings under this section shall be considered terminated.
  - (b) Subsection [(10)] (9)(a) does not prohibit the municipal legislative body from

310	excluding from a proposed annexation under Subsection (2)(b) the property within an
311	unincorporated island regarding which protests have been filed and proceeding under
312	Subsection [(4)] (3) to annex some or all of the remaining portion of the unincorporated island.
313	Section 3. Section 17B-1-503 is amended to read:
314	17B-1-503. Withdrawal or boundary adjustment with municipal approval.
315	(1) A municipality and a local district whose boundaries adjoin or overlap may adjust
316	the boundary of the local district to include more or less of the municipality, including the
317	expansion area identified in the annexation policy plan adopted by the municipality under
318	Section 10-2-401.5, in the local district by following the same procedural requirements as set
319	forth in Section 17B-1-417 for boundary adjustments between adjoining local districts.
320	(2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a municipality annexing all or
321	part of an unincorporated island or peninsula under Title 10, Chapter 2, Classification,
322	Boundaries, Consolidation, and Dissolution of Municipalities, that overlaps a municipal
323	services district organized under Chapter 2a, Part 11, Municipal Services District Act, may
324	petition to withdraw the area from the municipal services district in accordance with this
325	Subsection (2).
326	(b) For a valid withdrawal described in Subsection (2)(a):
327	(i) the annexation petition under Section 10-2-403 or a separate consent, signed by
328	owners of at least 60% of the total private land area, shall state that the signers request the area
329	to be withdrawn from the municipal services district; and
330	(ii) the legislative body of the municipality shall adopt a resolution, which may be the
331	resolution adopted in accordance with Subsection 10-2-418[(6)](5)(a), stating the municipal
332	legislative body's intent to withdraw the area from the municipal services district.
333	(c) The board of trustees of the municipal services district shall consider the
334	municipality's petition to withdraw the area from the municipal services district within 90 days
335	after the day on which the municipal services district receives the petition.
336	(d) The board of trustees of the municipal services district:

(i) may hold a public hearing in accordance with the notice and public hearing

provisions of Section 17B-1-508;

(ii) shall consider information that includes any factual data presented by the municipality and any owner of private real property who signed a petition or other form of consent described in Subsection (2)(b)(i); and

- (iii) identify in writing the information upon which the board of trustees relies in approving or rejecting the withdrawal.
- (e) The board of trustees of the municipal services district shall approve the withdrawal, effective upon the annexation of the area into the municipality or, if the municipality has already annexed the area, as soon as possible in the reasonable course of events, if the board of trustees makes a finding that:
- (i) (A) the loss of revenue to the municipal services district due to a withdrawal of the area will be offset by savings associated with no longer providing municipal-type services to the area; or
- (B) if the loss of revenue will not be offset by savings resulting from no longer providing municipal-type services to the area, the municipality agreeing to terms and conditions, which may include terms and conditions described in Subsection 17B-1-510(5), can mitigate or eliminate the loss of revenue;
- (ii) the annexation petition under Section 10-2-403, or a separate petition meeting the same signature requirements, states that the signers request the area to be withdrawn from the municipal services district; or
  - (iii) the following have consented in writing to the withdrawal:
  - (A) owners of more than 60% of the total private land area; or
- (B) owners of private land equal in assessed value to more than 60% of the assessed value of all private real property within the area proposed for withdrawal have consented in writing to the withdrawal.
- (f) If the board of trustees of the municipal services district does not make any of the findings described in Subsection (2)(e), the board of trustees may approve or reject the withdrawal based upon information upon which the board of trustees relies and that the board

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- (g) (i) If a municipality annexes an island or a part of an island before May 14, 2019, the legislative body of the municipality may initiate the withdrawal of the area from the municipal services district by adopting a resolution that:
  - (A) requests that the area be withdrawn from the municipal services district; and
- (B) a final local entity plat accompanies, identifying the area proposed to be withdrawn from the municipal services district.
- (ii) (A) Upon receipt of the resolution and except as provided in Subsection (2)(g)(ii)(B), the board of trustees of the municipal services district shall approve the withdrawal.
- (B) The board of trustees of the municipal services district may reject the withdrawal if the rejection is based upon a good faith finding that lost revenues due to the withdrawal will exceed expected cost savings resulting from no longer serving the area.
  - (h) (i) Based upon a finding described in Subsection (e) or (f):
- 380 (A) the board of trustees of the municipal services district shall adopt a resolution 381 approving the withdrawal; and
  - (B) the chair of the board shall sign a notice of impending boundary action, as defined in Section 67-1a-6.5, that meets the requirements of Subsection 67-1a-6.5(3).
    - (ii) The annexing municipality shall deliver the following to the lieutenant governor:
- 385 (A) the resolution and notice of impending boundary action described in Subsection 386 (2)(g)(i);
  - (B) a copy of an approved final local entity plat as defined in Section 67-1a-6.5; and
- 388 (C) any other documentation required by law.
  - (i) (i) Once the lieutenant governor has issued an applicable certificate as defined in Section 67-1a-6.5, the municipality shall deliver the certificate, the resolution and notice of impending boundary action described in Subsection (2)(h)(i), the final local entity plat as defined in Section 67-1a-6.5, and any other document required by law, to the recorder of the county in which the area is located.

394	(ii) After the municipality makes the delivery described in Subsection (2)(i)(i), the
395	area, for all purposes, is no longer part of the municipal services district.
396	(j) The annexing municipality and the municipal services district may enter into an
397	interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, stating:
398	(i) the municipality's and the district's duties and responsibilities in conducting a
399	withdrawal under this Subsection (2); and
400	(ii) any other matter respecting an unincorporated island that the municipality
401	surrounds on all sides.
402	(3) After a boundary adjustment under Subsection (1) or a withdrawal under
403	Subsection (2) is complete:
404	(a) the local district shall, without interruption, provide the same service to any area
405	added to the local district as provided to other areas within the local district; and
406	(b) the municipality shall, without interruption, provide the same service that the local
407	district previously provided to any area withdrawn from the local district.
408	(4) No area within a municipality may be added to the area of a local district under this
409	section if the area is part of a local district that provides the same wholesale or retail service as
410	the first local district.