

HB 1153-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/05)

Finds that a voter-approved temporary annexation surtax on utility services would provide the revenues needed to provide vital municipal services paid for by the residents of the annexation area. Because utility taxes are paid by property owners and renters alike, the temporary surtax will spread the burden upon all residents in annexation areas.

Declares that, because it is temporary, it will provide revenue during a transition period necessary to establish those municipal services needed in the newly annexed area.

Declares an intent of this act to provide an additional tool to enable cities to annex unincorporated areas that lie within designated urban growth areas when the residents of those annexation areas vote to approve the annexation.