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H.B. 5671: FLOOR ANALYSIS

House Bill 5671 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Hune

House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Home Rule City Act to require the State Boundary Commission to give at least 30 days' notice of a public hearing on an annexation petition or resolution to property owners located within the area proposed for annexation, and to each person residing within 300 feet of that area.

Under the Act, a petition or resolution for annexation of territory must be filed with the State Boundary Commission, which must hold a public hearing in or reasonably near the area proposed for annexation. In processing an annexation petition, the Commission has the same powers and duties as provided in Public Act 191 of 1968 (which governs the Commission) relating to petitions that propose incorporations. These include publishing notice of the hearing and giving notice by certified mail to the clerks of the affected municipalities.

The bill provides that, in addition to giving notice to property owners located in the area proposed for annexation, the Commission would have to give notice of each public hearing to property owners located within 300 feet of the area proposed for annexation. The Commission would have to give the notice by certified mail at least 30 days before the hearing. Additionally, the bill would require that the Commission mail a copy of any final order issued under the Act's annexation provisions to each property owner who received notice of a hearing.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase local unit expenses by an indeterminate amount. Depending on the local unit and the areas affected by the bill, the increase in expenditures would generally be minimal.

This estimate is preliminary and will be revised as new information becomes available.

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