

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to municipal annexation; amending s.
 3 171.044, F.S.; renaming voluntary annexation as expedited
 4 annexation; revising a provision exempting municipalities
 5 in certain charter counties from application of the
 6 section; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section
 11 171.044, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 171.044 Expedited ~~Voluntary~~ annexation.--

13 (2) Upon determination by the governing body of the
 14 municipality that the petition bears the signatures of all
 15 owners of property in the area proposed to be annexed, the
 16 governing body may, at any regular meeting, adopt a nonemergency
 17 ordinance to annex said property on an expedited basis and
 18 redefine the boundary lines of the municipality to include said
 19 property. Said ordinance shall be passed after notice of the
 20 annexation has been published at least once each week for 2
 21 consecutive weeks in some newspaper in such city or town or, if
 22 no newspaper is published in said city or town, then in a
 23 newspaper published in the same county; and if no newspaper is
 24 published in said county, then at least three printed copies of
 25 said notice shall be posted for 4 consecutive weeks at some
 26 conspicuous place in said city or town. The notice shall give
 27 the ordinance number and a brief, general description of the
 28 area proposed to be annexed. The description shall include a map

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29 clearly showing the area and a statement that the complete legal
30 description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be
31 obtained from the office of the city clerk.

32 (4) The method of annexation provided by this section
33 shall be supplemental to any other procedure provided by general
34 or special law, except that this section shall not apply to
35 municipalities in counties with charters which set forth
36 verbatim provide for an exclusive method for expedited of
37 municipal annexation and identify by metes and bounds all areas
38 governed by such exclusive method.

39 (5) Land shall not be annexed through expedited ~~voluntary~~
40 annexation when such annexation results in the creation of
41 enclaves.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.