

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Local Government Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to municipal annexation; amending s.  
7 171.044, F.S.; providing for expedited municipal  
8 annexation; revising a provision exempting municipalities  
9 in certain charter counties from application of the  
10 section; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 171.044 Voluntary annexation.--

17 (2) Upon determination by the governing body of the  
18 municipality that the petition bears the signatures of all  
19 owners of property in the area proposed to be annexed, the  
20 governing body may, at any regular meeting, adopt a nonemergency  
21 ordinance to annex said property on an expedited basis and  
22 redefine the boundary lines of the municipality to include said  
23 property. Said ordinance shall be passed after notice of the

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24 annexation has been published at least once each week for 2  
25 consecutive weeks in some newspaper in such city or town or, if  
26 no newspaper is published in said city or town, then in a  
27 newspaper published in the same county; and if no newspaper is  
28 published in said county, then at least three printed copies of  
29 said notice shall be posted for 4 consecutive weeks at some  
30 conspicuous place in said city or town. The notice shall give  
31 the ordinance number and a brief, general description of the  
32 area proposed to be annexed. The description shall include a map  
33 clearly showing the area and a statement that the complete legal  
34 description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be  
35 obtained from the office of the city clerk.

36 (4) The method of annexation provided by this section  
37 shall be supplemental to any other procedure provided by general  
38 or special law, except that this section shall not apply to  
39 municipalities in counties with charters which set forth  
40 verbatim provide for an exclusive method for expedited of  
41 municipal annexation or to municipalities in counties where  
42 expedited annexation procedures in the county charter were  
43 officially approved by a countywide planning council which  
44 represents local governments within the county prior to a  
45 referendum vote amending the charter to permit expedited  
46 annexation procedures to be established by county ordinance.

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