

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to municipal contraction procedures;  
 3           amending s. 171.051, F.S.; specifying the method of  
 4           contracting a municipality when a specified percentage  
 5           of landowners are not registered electors of the area;  
 6           specifying the method of contracting a municipality  
 7           when there are no registered electors in the area  
 8           proposed to be contracted; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Subsections (11) and (12) are added to section  
 14           171.051, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           171.051 Contraction procedures.—Any municipality may  
 16           initiate the contraction of municipal boundaries in the  
 17           following manner:

18           (11) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), if more than  
 19           70 percent of the land in an area proposed for contraction is  
 20           owned by individuals, corporations, or legal entities that are  
 21           not registered electors of that area, the area may only be  
 22           contracted if the owners of more than 50 percent of the total  
 23           area of the land in the area consent to the contraction. Such  
 24           consent shall be obtained by the parties proposing the  
 25           contraction before the referendum to be held on the contraction,

26 as set forth in subsections (6) and (7), is held.  
27 (12) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), if the area  
28 proposed for contraction does not have any registered electors  
29 on the date the ordinance is adopted, a vote of electors of the  
30 area is not required. In addition to meeting the requirements of  
31 subsection (11), the area may only be contracted if the owners  
32 of more than 50 percent of the parcels of land in the area  
33 proposed for contraction consent to the contraction. If the  
34 governing body does not hold a referendum of the contracting  
35 municipality under subsection (2), the consent of the property  
36 owners that are required under subsection (11) shall be obtained  
37 by the parties proposing the contraction before the final  
38 adoption of the ordinance, and the ordinance shall become  
39 effective upon its adoption or as otherwise provided in the  
40 ordinance.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.