

By Senator Perry

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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

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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 total area of the land in the
33 area 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.