

Senate Bill 1582

Rural Fire Protection District Annexation

Background

SB 1582 allows a rural fire protection district to annex land within seven miles of a road or fire station.

-2 Amendment

The -2 amendment is a critical improvement from an administrative perspective. Although counties maintain *cadastral* maps of the county, those maps are not necessarily accurate *road* maps, nor do they indicate where rural fire protection district (RFPD) stations are. Without the -2 amendment, the department would have to contact the county assessor's office to verify whether the property to be annexed is within seven miles of a station, and in some unknown number of cases the assessor would have to drive from the station to the property to verify the distance.

The department would have to ensure the boundary change resolution or ordinance from the RFPD states that the property is within seven miles of the station. If it does not, the department would have to return the application for an amended resolution with that declaration. The -2 amendment resolves these challenges.

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