



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 11

Hearing Date: January 16, 2007
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Mines, 18)

Title: Change provisions relating to annexation by cities of the first class

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senator Friend, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senator Cornett, Janssen

Proponents:

Senator Mick Mines
Dennis Smith
Lynn Rex
Rod Storm

Representing:

Introducer
City of Norfolk
League of Municipalities
City of Blair

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: This bill was previously heard by the Urban Affairs Committee as LB 289 in the 2005 legislative session and it was advanced to General File with a committee amendment (which did not in any way change the provisions of the original bill). LB 289 is identical to the provisions of introduced LB 11. LB 289 died on general file at the end of the 2006 legislative session never having received consideration by the full legislature.

This legislation would authorize any property owner whose property would otherwise qualify for annexation by a first class city to petition the city for annexation of his or her property. Upon the petition of the owner, the city would not be required to comply with the requirements of subdivisions (3), (4), (5) or (6) of section 16-117 (basically, the requirements for a resolution of intent to annex by the city council, a

resolution describing the plan for the provision of services to the area, a public hearing on the proposed plan for providing services, and publication of those plans and the requisite maps showing the area to be annexed).

The council would not be prohibited from proceeding under these subdivisions; it would merely be authorized, at its discretion, to dispense with these requirements. Nor would the council be obliged or bound in any manner to approve the petition and proceed with the annexation.

Additionally, this section of statutes would be placed under the authority of the provisions of sections 13-1119 and 13-1120. These sections (and those from 13-1111 to 1118 as well) deal generally with county designated industrial areas and the prohibition on the annexation of such sites (by any municipality of any class).

Explanation of amendments, if any: None

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson