

Sponsor Statement for HCR 27

Local Boundary Commission Procedures

“Relating to urging the Local Boundary Commission to adopt standards and procedures to enable the commission to return a petition for a local boundary change to the petitioner when the commission determines the petition is substantively deficient, in need of substantial amendment or supplementation, or the procedure used in preparing the petition was deficient.”

The [Local Boundary Commission](#) (LBC) is charged with the review of petitions seeking local boundary changes, approval or denial of those petitions as submitted or as the LBC sees fit to modify them.

At times in the past, the petitions for boundary changes sent to the LBC have involved procedures that have been substantively deficient and have resulted in considerable opposition from individuals in the areas involved in the annexation proposal.

This resolution urges the adoption of standards and procedures by the LBC that would allow the commission to return petitions **early in the process** that don't meet those standards or procedures. Doing so would avoid a great deal of concern on the part of and objections by those individuals who live in the area proposed for annexation.