

By: Representatives Guice, Robertson

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-1-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH A TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
3 FOR MUNICIPAL ANNEXATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-1-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 21-1-27. (1) The limits and boundaries of existing cities,
8 towns and villages shall remain as now established until altered
9 in the manner hereinafter provided. When any municipality shall
10 desire to enlarge or contract the boundaries thereof by adding
11 thereto adjacent unincorporated territory or excluding therefrom
12 any part of the incorporated territory of such municipality, the
13 governing authorities of such municipality shall pass an ordinance
14 defining with certainty the territory proposed to be included in
15 or excluded from the corporate limits, and also defining the
16 entire boundary as changed. In the event the municipality desires
17 to enlarge such boundaries, such ordinance shall in general terms
18 describe the proposed improvements to be made in the annexed
19 territory, the manner and extent of such improvements, and the
20 approximate time within which such improvements are to be made;
21 such ordinance shall also contain a statement of the municipal or
22 public services which such municipality proposes to render in such
23 annexed territory. In the event the municipality shall desire to
24 contract its boundaries, such ordinance shall contain a statement
25 of the reasons for such contraction and a statement showing
26 whereby the public convenience and necessity would be served
27 thereby.



28 (2) From and after July 1, 2002, and until July 1, 2012, the
29 governing authorities of a municipality may not adopt an ordinance
30 or commence proceedings under the provisions of Sections 21-1-27
31 through 21-1-41 to enlarge the boundaries of the municipality.
32 Ordinances adopted or proceedings commenced under the provisions
33 of Sections 21-1-27 through 21-1-41 before July 1, 2002, or on or
34 after July 1, 2012, shall not be affected by the provisions of
35 this subsection.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2002.

