

City Annexation and Fire Districts in Johnson County; HB 2323

HB 2323 regulates the process of property transfer agreements in Johnson County between a fire district and a city, on land annexed by the city.

Process Deadlines

The bill adds the following deadlines to the agreement process:

- The fire district and city have one year from the effective date of the annexation to come to an agreement transferring such land;
 - If an agreement is not submitted to the board of county commissioners within the one-year deadline, the bill requires the land to be detached from the fire district and transferred to the city; and
- The city has 10 days of the effective date of the annexation to notify the fire district of such annexation by certified mail;
 - If the city does not send notice by this deadline, the bill requires the annexed land to continue to be part of the fire district until an agreement transferring land is approved or one year from the date the notice is mailed.

Property Detachment and Transfer

The bill specifies that ownership of any property of the fire district only is transferred in accordance with a written agreement as well; the bill requires the written agreement to be executed by the fire district.

[*Note:* Continuing law requires a negotiated agreement to be reached for any transference of land from the fire district to the city.]

For purposes of taxation, detachment and transfer agreements are effective on January 1 of the immediately following year.