

HOUSE BILL No. 1058

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-4-3-3.7.

Synopsis: Annexation. Provides that annexation territory that is divided by railroad tracks satisfies contiguity requirements, if the territory on at least one side of the railroad tracks is contiguous to the municipality.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-4-3-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3.7. (a) This section applies to an annexation, if the**
4 **annexation territory becomes surrounded on all sides by the**
5 **municipality after June 30, 2026.**

6 **(b) A municipality may annex territory by adopting an**
7 **annexation ordinance under section 3 or 4 of this chapter after**
8 **complying with sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this chapter.**

9 **(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a**
10 **proposed annexation territory consists of:**

11 **(1) land that:**

12 **(A) is contiguous to the municipality under section 1.5 of**
13 **this chapter; and**

14 **(B) abuts, at least in part, one (1) side of the railroad tracks**
15 **and railroad right-of-way; and**

16 **(2) land:**

17 **(A) that is not contiguous to the municipality under section**



1 **1.5 of this chapter; and**
2 **(B) that:**
3 **(i) is separated from the land under subdivision (1) by;**
4 **and**
5 **(ii) abuts, at least in part, the opposite side of;**
6 **the railroad tracks and railroad right-of-way described in**
7 **subdivision (1)(B);**
8 **the proposed annexation territory satisfies the contiguity**
9 **requirements under section 1.5 of this chapter. The annexing**
10 **municipality is not required to obtain the consent of any person**
11 **owning, leasing, operating, or using the railroad tracks or railroad**
12 **right-of-way to annex the proposed territory.**
13 **(d) Nothing in this section authorizes the municipality to annex**
14 **the railroad right-of way.**

