

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 531

By: Senator K. Hammer  
By: Representatives Gonzales, Milligan

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PLANNING; TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT WITH A PROPERTY OWNER OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PLANNING; AND TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT WITH A PROPERTY OWNER OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 56, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

14-56-427. Agreement to comply with municipal development regulations.

(a) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a property owner outside the boundaries of the municipality to provide one (1) or more municipal services if the property owner agrees to adhere to any land or development regulations intended to carry out a municipal plan under this subchapter.

(b) The municipality does not need county approval for any planning or development regulations to apply to an agreement authorized under this section.

(c) An agreement under this section shall apply to any successive



owners of the property.

14-56-428. Agreement to annex property at later date.

(a) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a property owner outside the boundaries of the municipality to provide one (1) or more municipal services if the property owner agrees to voluntarily annex into the municipality at the time the property becomes contiguous to the municipality.

(b) If the municipal provider of services has a prerequisite that the affected property owner annex into the municipal boundaries before providing service, the prerequisite shall be clearly defined in an application or agreement under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Failure to clearly define any annexation prerequisite within the application or agreement under subsection (b) of this section prohibits the municipal provider of services from requiring annexation in exchange for services for those areas without an annexation prerequisite from the affected property owner.

(d) An agreement under this section shall apply to any successive owners of the property.

(e) If a petition of annexation is not filed by the property owner subject to the agreement under subsection (a) of this section within one (1) year after the property becomes contiguous, the municipality may initiate annexation proceedings under § 14-40-501 et seq.