



# HOUSE BILL 1131: Town of Andrews/ETJ Authority.

2016-2017 General Assembly

**Committee:** House Local Government  
**Introduced by:** Rep. West  
**Analysis of:** First Edition

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 1131 would require the approval of the board of county commissioners before the Town of Andrews may exercise its power of extraterritorial jurisdiction within a mile of the Town's corporate limits.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) is the power of a municipality to exercise specified regulatory functions in an area beyond its corporate limits. A municipality is authorized to enact an ordinance to extend its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) one mile beyond its municipal limits, unless the county is regulating subdivisions, has adopted a zoning ordinance, and is enforcing the State Building Code. If the county has undertaken all three of these activities, then the municipality must get approval of the county commissioners prior to extension of the one mile planning and zoning jurisdiction.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1131 would require the Town of Andrews to obtain the approval of the board of county commissioners prior to exercising its power of extraterritorial jurisdiction in any case – regardless of whether the county is regulating subdivisions, has adopted a zoning ordinance, or is enforcing the State Building Code.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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