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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the amount of territory that may be annexed by  
2 involuntary petition.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 368.11, subsection 3, Code Supplement  
2 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. In the case of an annexation, a  
4 statement estimating the amount of land located in the  
5 annexing city that is currently vacant or undeveloped.

6 Sec. 2. Section 368.17, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
7 the following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. An involuntary annexation if the  
9 territory to be annexed exceeds five hundred acres or if the  
10 total amount of territory annexed by the city pursuant to  
11 section 368.11 for the calendar year in which the petition is  
12 being considered by the committee would exceed five hundred  
13 acres when combined with the amount of territory to be  
14 annexed. However, the committee may approve a petition under  
15 such circumstances if the committee determines that there is  
16 an insufficient amount of land available for development  
17 purposes within the annexing city's corporate limits.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill limits annexations by involuntary petition to no  
20 more than 500 acres per city per calendar year unless the  
21 local committee considering the annexation determines that  
22 there is an insufficient amount of land available for  
23 development purposes within the annexing city's corporate  
24 limits. The bill also requires that the involuntary petition  
25 contain a statement estimating the amount of land located in  
26 the annexing city that is currently vacant or undeveloped.

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