

**House File 2286 - Introduced**

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BY OLSON

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting cities from annexing certain agricultural  
2 land, and providing applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 368.5A Annexation prohibited for  
2 certain agricultural land.

3 A city shall not approve the annexation of land with a corn  
4 suitability rating of forty-five or higher calculated using the  
5 methodology recognized by the Iowa state university of science  
6 and technology in 2013.

7 Sec. 2. Section 368.11, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended  
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. In a case of annexation, the petition  
10 must state that none of the land proposed to be annexed has  
11 a corn suitability rating of forty-five or higher calculated  
12 using the methodology recognized by the Iowa state university  
13 of science and technology in 2013.

14 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to applications or  
15 petitions for annexation filed on or after July 1, 2020.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the annexation of certain agricultural  
20 property. The bill prohibits a city from approving the  
21 annexation of land if the land has a corn suitability rating  
22 of 45 or higher calculated using the methodology recognized by  
23 Iowa state university in 2013. The bill requires a petition  
24 for involuntary annexation to include a statement that the  
25 proposed annexation does not violate the bill. The bill  
26 applies to applications or petitions for annexation filed on  
27 or after July 1, 2020.