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Sponsor Statement HB-69

House Bill 69 was introduced when an issue arose concerning a first-class city that had lost a significant portion of their population and needed to be reclassified.

The 2023 annual report by the Local Boundary Commission to the legislature states that "A community must have a population of more than 400 to incorporate"- (Page 13, 2nd paragraph). The report goes on to point out that "However there is no mechanism that automatically reclassifies a community if the population falls below 400 residents.

HB 69 will provide such a mechanism thus giving the First-class City the option of automatically being reclassified if their population falls under the 400-resident threshold.