



Strategic Planning Division

Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee

**Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act
and Chapter 171, Florida Statutes**
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Background of Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act

- Applies only to Alachua County
- Enacted in 1990 after the failure of a Countywide referendum to consolidate City and County government
- Original design included involuntary annexation when an area reached specific population densities
- Has been updated twice – 1991 & 1993



Major Differences between B.A.A . and Chapter 171, F.S.

Definitions

Different definitions of “enclave,” “urban in character,” and “affected parties”

Urban Reserve Areas

Urban reserve areas do not exist under Chapter 171, F.S.

Urban Services Report

Under State law, USR’s are not required for voluntary annexations. This reduces the time period required for voluntary annexations. USR’s are required for referendums under both laws.

Annexation of Enclaves

State law allows for the annexation of enclaves by interlocal agreement when those enclaves are ten acres or less

Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements

New provision under State law; allows for the annexation of non-contiguous areas, and the creation of enclaves under certain conditions



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Considerations:

- Both the BAA and Chapter 171 are complex procedural laws
- BAA is 20 years old, and some provisions are out-of-date
- Annexation procedures under either law can be administered
- If we prefer to stay with the BAA, the mission of the inter-jurisdictional team should include an in-depth comparison, and the impact to both small and large municipalities