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Sponsor: Rep. Lloyd F. Weeks  
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5691 AS INTRODUCED 5-1-90

The bill would amend the Aeronautics Code to specify that in a county with a municipality that had at least 900,000 people, the county could not approve the use of county funds nor could the municipality approve the use of its own funds -- nor could either seek funds from any other source or enter into agreements with the state aeronautics commission for state or federal funds -- for the purchase or expansion of an existing airport or for building a proposed new airport runway without first having received voter approval by the registered electors of each local governmental unit that had a border within six miles 1) from a runway in an existing airport that planned to expand or 2) from a not-yet-built runway that would lie within a proposed airport expansion. Under the bill, "expansion" would mean the purchase of additional land for enlarging existing runways or taxiways, an increase in an existing airport's level of air traffic, or the building of new runways or taxiways; the term would not include feasibility studies or the purchase of land for locating an approach light system or other aeronautical facilities.

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