

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 2494
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-3 April 20, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 5, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 5, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the election of emergency services commissioners in
 1-20 certain emergency services districts.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 775.0345(b-1), (d-1), (e), and (h-1),
 1-23 Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the governing body of
 1-25 a district described by Subsection (a)(2) [~~or (3)~~] is governed by a
 1-26 five-member board of emergency services commissioners elected from
 1-27 single-member districts. One director is elected from each
 1-28 single-member district. As soon as possible after the district is
 1-29 created, the commissioners court of the county in which the
 1-30 district is located shall divide the district into five numbered
 1-31 single-member districts.

1-32 (d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), to be eligible to be a
 1-33 candidate for emergency services commissioner in a single-member
 1-34 district on an initial board in a district described by Subsection
 1-35 (a)(2) [~~or (3)~~], a person must be at least 18 years of age and a
 1-36 resident of that single-member district.

1-37 (e) A candidate for emergency services commissioner on an
 1-38 initial board must give the voter registrar of the county a sworn
 1-39 notice of the candidate's intention to run for office. The notice
 1-40 must state the person's name, age, and address and state that the
 1-41 person is serving notice of intent to run for emergency services
 1-42 commissioner. If the person intends to run for emergency services
 1-43 commissioner in a single-member district in a district described by
 1-44 Subsection (a)(2) [~~or (3)~~], the notice must also specify the
 1-45 single-member district the person seeks to represent. On receipt
 1-46 of the notice, the voter registrar of the county shall have the
 1-47 candidate's name placed on the ballot.

1-48 (h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (h), the five initial
 1-49 emergency services commissioners elected from single-member
 1-50 districts in a district described by Subsection (a)(2) [~~or (3)~~]
 1-51 shall draw lots to determine which two commissioners serve terms
 1-52 that expire on December 31 of the second year following the year in
 1-53 which the election was held and which three commissioners serve
 1-54 terms that expire on December 31 of the fourth year following the
 1-55 year in which the election was held.

1-56 SECTION 2. (a) This Act does not prohibit a person who is
 1-57 serving as an emergency services commissioner on the effective date
 1-58 of this Act from running for election to the board of commissioners
 1-59 after the effective date of this Act if the person has the
 1-60 qualifications required for a member under Section 775.0345, Health
 1-61 and Safety Code.

2-1 (b) The terms of the emergency services commissioners
2-2 serving on the effective date of this Act expire on the date a
2-3 majority of the new emergency services commissioners elected under
2-4 Subsection (c) of this section qualify to serve.

2-5 (c) The county judge of a county with an emergency services
2-6 district to which Section 775.0345(a)(3), Health and Safety Code,
2-7 applies on the effective date of this Act shall establish an
2-8 election to elect new emergency services commissioners of that
2-9 district in the manner provided by Section 775.0345, Health and
2-10 Safety Code, as amended by this Act, for election of the initial
2-11 commissioners as if the district had been created on the effective
2-12 date of this Act.

2-13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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