

AN ACT

relating to the expiration and extension of certain public health orders issued by a health authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 121, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 121.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 121.026. EXPIRATION AND EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ISSUED BY HEALTH AUTHORITY. (a) This section applies only to a public health order imposed on more than one individual, animal, place, or object.

(b) A public health order issued by a health authority under this chapter or other law expires on the 15th day following the date the order is issued unless, before the 15th day by majority vote:

(1) the governing body of a municipality or the commissioners court of a county that appointed the health authority extends the order for a longer period; or

(2) if the health authority is jointly appointed by a municipality and county, the commissioner's court of the county extends the order for a longer period.

SECTION 2. Section 121.026, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a public health order issued by a health authority on or after the effective date of this Act. A public health order issued by a health authority before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the

1 public health order was issued, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 967 passed the Senate on April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 30, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 967 passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 4, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor