

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county  
3 ethics commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.001, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter  
8 applies only to:

9 (1) a county that:

10 (A) has a population of 800,000 or more;

11 (B) is located on the international border; and

12 (C) before September 1, 2009, had a county ethics  
13 board appointed by the commissioners court;

14 (2) a county that:

15 (A) has a population of 425,000 or more;

16 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of  
17 3.3 million or more; and

18 (C) contains a portion of the San Jacinto River;

19 [~~and~~]

20 (3) a county that has a population of less than 40,000  
21 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3  
22 million; and

23 (4) a county that has a population of more than 3.3  
24 million.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.