

1-1 By: Rosenthal, Orr (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 2730
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Springer	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Parker	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the adoption and amendment of an annual budget by
 1-20 certain emergency services districts.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 775, Health and Safety
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 775.079 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 775.079. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET IN
 1-25 CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a district
 1-26 located wholly in a county with a population of more than three
 1-27 million.

1-28 (b) The board shall prepare and adopt the district's annual
 1-29 budget in the manner provided by this section.

1-30 (c) The board, after notice, shall hold an open meeting to
 1-31 consider the proposed budget for the following fiscal year.
 1-32 Adoption of the budget may occur at the same meeting at which the
 1-33 board takes final action to set the tax rate if the board complies
 1-34 with Section 775.074(d-1).

1-35 (d) At least 72 hours before holding a meeting to adopt a
 1-36 proposed budget for the following fiscal year, the board shall post
 1-37 the proposed budget on the district's Internet website in the same
 1-38 location on the website that a proposed tax rate to be adopted is
 1-39 posted.

1-40 (e) After the board adopts the budget, the board may not
 1-41 amend the budget except as provided by Subsections (f) and (g).

1-42 (f) The board, after notice, may amend the budget after its
 1-43 initial adoption only at an open meeting. The board shall:

1-44 (1) not later than 72 hours before the meeting, post
 1-45 the proposed amendment on the district's Internet website in the
 1-46 same location on the website that a proposed tax rate to be adopted
 1-47 is posted; and

1-48 (2) include in the notice of the meeting:

1-49 (A) the following statement: "The Board of the
 1-50 (name of county) Emergency Services District No. (district number)
 1-51 will consider an amendment to the district's adopted budget. The
 1-52 public is encouraged to review the proposed amendment to the budget
 1-53 posted on the district's website and to attend the meeting to offer
 1-54 comments regarding the proposed amendment. (district Internet
 1-55 website address)"; and

1-56 (B) the following agenda items:

1-57 (i) "Public comment on the proposed
 1-58 amendment to the budget"; and

1-59 (ii) "Action to adopt or reject the
 1-60 proposed amendment to the budget".

1-61 (g) After allowing comments from the public regarding the

2-1 proposed amendment, the board may amend the budget only if three or
2-2 more members of the board vote in favor of adopting the proposed
2-3 amendment.

2-4 (h) The board shall give notice of a meeting held under this
2-5 section in the manner provided by Chapter 551, Government Code, and
2-6 this section.

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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