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H.B. No. 3895

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the office of the medical examiner
in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. OFFICE AUTHORIZED. Subject to the provisions of
this article, the commissioners court of any county having a
population of more than one [~~two~~] million shall establish and
maintain the office of medical examiner, and the commissioners
court of any county may establish and provide for the maintenance of
the office of medical examiner. Population shall be according to
the last preceding federal census.

SECTION 2. Section 1-a(a), Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners courts of two or more counties may
enter into an agreement to create a medical examiners district and
to jointly operate and maintain the office of medical examiner of
the district. The district must include the entire area of all
counties involved. The counties within the district must, when
taken together, form a continuous area. This subsection does not
establish any minimum population requirement for a multi-county
district created under this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.