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H.B. No. 1701

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the administration and enforcement of a county fire
3 code.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 233.061(b), Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The commissioners court of a county that adopts a fire
8 code under Subsection (a) [~~, or any municipality in the county,~~] may
9 contract with a municipality located in the county or an emergency
10 services district located wholly in the county [~~one another~~] for
11 the administration and enforcement of the fire code.

12 SECTION 2. Section 352.019, Local Government Code, is
13 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
14 read as follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the [~~The~~] county
16 fire marshal shall enforce all state and county regulations that
17 relate to fires, explosions, or damages of any kind caused by a fire
18 or explosion.

19 (a-1) The county fire marshal shall delegate the
20 administration and enforcement of the county's fire code to a
21 municipality or emergency services district in accordance with a
22 contract entered into by the commissioners court of the county
23 under Section 233.061.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.