By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 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, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 (b) The commissioners court of a county that adopts a fire
- 9 code under Subsection (a) [, or any municipality in the county,] may
- 10 contract with a municipality located in the county or an emergency
- 11 <u>services district located wholly in the county</u> [one another] for
- 12 the administration and enforcement of the fire code.
- (c) An emergency services district that has adopted a fire
- 14 code and that is wholly located in one county may enter into an
- 15 interlocal agreement with the county to delegate to the district
- 16 all or part of the county's authority to enforce the county's fire
- 17 code.
- 18 SECTION 2. Section 352.019, Local Government Code, is
- 19 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
- 20 read as follows:
- 21 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the [The] county
- 22 fire marshal shall enforce all state and county regulations that
- 23 relate to fires, explosions, or damages of any kind caused by a fire
- 24 or explosion.

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- 1 (a-1) The county fire marshal shall delegate the
- 2 administration and enforcement of the county's fire code to a
- 3 municipality or emergency services district in accordance with a
- 4 contract entered into by the commissioners court of the county
- 5 under Section 233.061.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.