

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hours worked during a week by police officers in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.0015, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f) Except [~~A police officer may not, except~~] as provided by Subsection (g) or (j), a police officer may not be required to work:

(1) more than 40 hours during a calendar week in a municipality that:

(A) has a population of more than one million;

(B) is not subject to Section 142.0017; and

(C) has not adopted Chapter 174; or

(2) more hours during a calendar week than the number of hours in the normal work week of the majority of the employees of the municipality other than fire fighters and police officers in a municipality not described by Subdivision (1).

(f-1) In determining whether a police officer is considered to have been required to work overtime for purposes of Subdivision (1) of Subsection (f), all hours are counted during which the police officer:

(1) is required to remain available for immediate call to duty by continuously remaining in contact with a police

1 department office by telephone or by radio;

2 (2) is taking any authorized leave, including sick  
3 leave, vacation leave, holiday leave, compensatory time off, or  
4 leave because of a death in the family; and

5 (3) is considered to have worked under Subsection (h).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.