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S.B. No. 1566

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mass gatherings in unincorporated areas of counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 751.002(1), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

In this chapter:

(1) "Mass gathering" means a gathering that is held outside the limits of a municipality and that attracts or is expected to attract more than ~~5,000~~ 2,500 persons who will remain at the meeting location for more than five continuous hours~~-,~~ or for any duration of time between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.; or a gathering that is held outside the limits of a municipality and that attracts or is expected to attract more than 500 persons who will remain at the meeting location for more than five continuous hours, or for any duration of time between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., where at least fifty-one percent of the persons may reasonably be expected to be under 21 years of age, and where it is planned or may reasonably be expected that alcoholic beverages will be sold, served or consumed at or around the gathering.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,

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1 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
2 passage, and it is so enacted.