

By: Hope, Smith of Harris

H.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to apply a county fire code to certain buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 233.062(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fire code applies only to the following buildings constructed in an unincorporated area of the county:

(1) a commercial establishment; ~~and~~

(2) a public building; and

(3) a multifamily residential dwelling consisting of four or more units.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act applies only to a multifamily residential dwelling on which construction begins on or after the date a fire code applicable to multifamily residential dwellings is adopted under this Act.

(b) For purposes of this section, construction begins on the date that ground is broken for a multifamily residential dwelling, or if no ground is broken, on the date that the first materials are added to the original property.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.