By: Quintanilla H.B. No. 2209

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2209:

By: Talton C.S.H.B. No. 2209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of a chief plumbing inspector by

- 3 populous municipalities.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 214.011, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 214.011. PLUMBING INSPECTOR <u>FOR CERTAIN</u>
- 8 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) If a municipality with a population of less
- 9 than 550,000 does not have a special charter that provides for an
- 10 inspector of plumbing, the governing body of the municipality may
- 11 appoint an inspector of plumbing for a term fixed by the governing
- 12 body.
- 13 (b) The same individual may serve as plumbing inspector and
- 14 municipal engineer.
- 15 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 214, Local Government
- 16 Code, is amended by adding Section 214.0115 to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 214.0115. CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTORS FOR POPULOUS
- 18 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) A municipality with a population of 550,000 or
- 19 more shall designate an individual to serve as chief plumbing
- 20 <u>inspector for the municipality for a term fixed by the governing</u>
- 21 body of the municipality. The individual designated is not
- 22 required to be a municipal employee.
- 23 (b) The chief plumbing inspector must:
- 24 (1) be a journeyman plumber or master plumber, as

- 1 <u>defined by Section 1301.002, Occupations Code;</u>
- 2 (2) be a plumbing inspector, as defined by Section
- 3 1301.002, Occupations Code; and
- 4 (3) meet any additional requirements imposed by the
- 5 municipality.
- 6 (c) The chief plumbing inspector may hold other related
- 7 titles or designations with the municipality such as municipal
- 8 engineer or chief mechanical inspector. Another title or
- 9 designation does not affect the requirements imposed by Subsection
- 10 (b) or the duties imposed on the chief plumbing inspector.
- 11 SECTION 3. A chief plumbing inspector designated by a
- municipality with a population of 550,000 or more to a term under
- 13 Section 214.011, Local Government Code, or under a charter or
- 14 ordinance provision may serve as that municipality's chief plumbing
- inspector under Section 214.0115, Local Government Code, as added
- 16 by this Act, until the earlier of the expiration of the plumbing
- inspector's term or September 1, 2007. Section 214.0115, Local
- 18 Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to the designation of
- 19 a chief plumbing inspector by the municipality on completion of
- 20 that plumbing inspector's term or on September 1, 2007, as
- 21 appropriate.
- 22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.