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H.B. No. 2209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a chief plumbing inspector by populous municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 214.011, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 214.011. PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) If a municipality with a population of less than 600,000 does not have a special charter that provides for an inspector of plumbing, the governing body of the municipality may appoint an inspector of plumbing for a term fixed by the governing body.

(b) The same individual may serve as plumbing inspector and municipal engineer.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.0115 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.0115. CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTORS FOR POPULOUS MUNICIPALITIES. (a) A municipality with a population of 600,000 or more shall designate an individual to serve as chief plumbing inspector for the municipality for a term fixed by the governing body of the municipality. The individual designated is not required to be a municipal employee.

(b) The chief plumbing inspector must:

(1) be a journeyman plumber or master plumber, as

1 defined by Section 1301.002, Occupations Code; and

2 (2) meet any additional requirements imposed by the
3 municipality.

4 (c) The chief plumbing inspector may hold other related
5 titles or designations with the municipality such as municipal
6 engineer or chief mechanical inspector. Another title or
7 designation does not affect the requirements imposed by Subsection
8 (b) or the duties imposed on the chief plumbing inspector.

9 SECTION 3. A chief plumbing inspector designated by a
10 municipality with a population of 600,000 or more to a term under
11 Section 214.011, Local Government Code, or under a charter or
12 ordinance provision may serve as that municipality's chief plumbing
13 inspector under Section 214.0115, Local Government Code, as added
14 by this Act, until the earlier of the expiration of the plumbing
15 inspector's term or September 1, 2007. Section 214.0115, Local
16 Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to the designation of
17 a chief plumbing inspector by the municipality on completion of
18 that plumbing inspector's term or on September 1, 2007, as
19 appropriate.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.