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H.B. No. 2575

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the tax rate for emergency services districts located  
3 in certain populous counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 775.018(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) On [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b), on~~] the  
8 granting of a petition, the commissioners court shall order an  
9 election to confirm the district's creation and authorize the  
10 imposition of a tax not to exceed the rate allowed by Section 48-e,  
11 Article III, Texas Constitution. Any conditions negotiated under  
12 Section 775.014(h) must be included on the ballot.

13 SECTION 2. Sections 775.018(b), 775.0741, and 775.0745(e),  
14 Health and Safety Code, are repealed.

15 SECTION 3. Section 775.018, as amended by this Act, applies  
16 only to a petition granted on or after the effective date of this  
17 Act. A petition granted before the effective date of this Act is  
18 governed by the law in effect when the petition was granted, and the  
19 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect  
21 taxes imposed before the effective date of this Act, and the law in  
22 effect before the effective date of this Act is continued in effect  
23 for purposes of the liability for and collection of those taxes.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.