

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 775.018, Section 775.0741, and Subsection (e), Section 775.0745, Health and Safety Code, are repealed.

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1621 passed the Senate on April 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1621 passed the House on May 11, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor