

1-1 By: Lindsay S.B. No. 1621  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 23, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the tax rate for emergency services districts located  
1-9 in certain populous counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 775.018, Health and  
1-12 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) On [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b), on~~] the  
1-14 granting of a petition, the commissioners court shall order an  
1-15 election to confirm the district's creation and authorize the  
1-16 imposition of a tax not to exceed the rate allowed by Section 48-e,  
1-17 Article III, Texas Constitution. Any conditions negotiated under  
1-18 Section 775.014(h) must be included on the ballot.

1-19 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 775.018, Section  
1-20 775.0741, and Subsection (e), Section 775.0745, Health and Safety  
1-21 Code, are repealed.

1-22 SECTION 3. Section 775.018, as amended by this Act, applies  
1-23 only to a petition granted on or after the effective date of this  
1-24 Act. A petition granted before the effective date of this Act is  
1-25 governed by the law in effect when the petition was granted, and the  
1-26 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-27 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect  
1-28 taxes imposed before the effective date of this Act, and the law in  
1-29 effect before the effective date of this Act is continued in effect  
1-30 for purposes of the liability for and collection of those taxes.

1-31 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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