

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3407  
By: Hamilton  
County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, emergency services district (ESD) boards must be elected if they border two counties.

H.B. 3407 states in a county with a population of less than 21,000 and in a county with a population of more than 47,400, the commissioner court of the largest county in which the district is located will have the ability to appoint a five-member board of emergency commissioners to serve as the district's governing body.

ESD's that have a very small population, also operate on a limited budget. By holding an election, this uses a large percentage of that budget and the monies could be better used in supplying protection for that community.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3407 would amend the Health and Safety Code to authorize an emergency services district (ESD) with in a county that has a population of less than 21,000 and in a county with a population of more than 47,400 the authority for the larger county's court of commissioners to be appointed by that court. The board will consist of an appointed five-member board of emergency commissioners to serve as the district's governing body. The bill lists the requirements to be eligible for appointment. A commissioner serves a two-year term.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.