

AN ACT

relating to the capacity of certain correctional facilities operated under contracts between the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and a private vendor or county commissioners court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 495.001(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A facility operated, maintained, and managed under this subchapter by a private vendor or county must:

(1) hold not more than an average daily population of 1,150 [~~1,000~~] inmates;

(2) comply with federal constitutional standards and applicable court orders; and

(3) receive and retain, as an individual facility, accreditation from the American Correctional Association.

SECTION 2. Section 495.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 495.007. LIMITATION. The board may not enter into contracts under this subchapter for more than 5,580 [~~4,580~~] beds.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 198 was passed by the House on April 18, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 198 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor