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H.B. No. 3405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the recognition of law enforcement officers in certain
3 counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 174.102, Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A public employer shall recognize an association
8 selected by a majority of the police officers of the police
9 department of a political subdivision as the exclusive bargaining
10 agent for the police officers of that department unless a majority
11 of the police officers withdraw the recognition.

12 (b) In a county with a population of 1 million or more that
13 is covered by Chapter 158, Subchapter B, Local Government Code, and
14 adopted this act after January 1, 2004, the governing body of the
15 county may at its discretion recognize a separate bargaining unit
16 for peace officers holding a position being funded by the law
17 enforcement budget of the Sheriff's Office and a separate
18 bargaining unit for all other officers employed by the Sheriff's
19 Office not funded by the law enforcement budget of the Sheriff's
20 Office unless a majority of the bargaining unit withdraws the
21 recognition.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.