

By: Leibowitz

H.B. No. 458

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 458:

By: Davis of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to limitations on the number of dogs at a residence in  
3 certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 240.904 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 240.904. REGULATION OF NUMBER OF DOGS AT RESIDENCE.

8 (a) In this section, "residential subdivision" has the meaning  
9 assigned by Section 240.081.

10 (b) The commissioners court of a county with a population of  
11 one million or more by order may limit the number of dogs that an  
12 individual may keep at a residence located in a residential  
13 subdivision in the unincorporated area of the county.

14 (c) An order adopted under Subsection (b) does not apply to  
15 a residence used by a registered animal rescue group on a  
16 determination by the commissioners court that the neighborhood in  
17 which the residence is located does not operate an animal shelter.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.