Parker, Smith of Harris H.B. No. 2228 1-1 1**-**2 1**-**3 (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009; May 4, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2009, sent to 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 printer.) 1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-9 AN ACT 1-10 1-11 relating to the timing of a referendum election to continue a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-12 1-13 SECTION 1. Section 344.251(d), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 (d) The board may not hold a referendum election under this subchapter before the  $\underline{\text{fourth}}$  [ $\underline{\text{fifth}}$ ] anniversary of the date the 1-17 district was created or before the third anniversary of the date of 1-18 the last continuation or dissolution referendum election. 1-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-20 1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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