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H.B. No. 2231

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the election of emergency services district boards in
3 certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 775.034(h), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (h) This section does not apply to a district located wholly
8 in:

9 (1) a county with a population of more than four
10 [~~three~~] million; or

11 (2) a county with a population of more than 500,000
12 that borders a county with a population of more than four million.

13 SECTION 2. Section 775.0345(a), Health and Safety Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (a) This section applies only to a district located wholly
16 in:

17 (1) a county with a population of more than four
18 [~~three~~] million; or

19 (2) a county with a population of more than 500,000
20 that borders a county with a population of more than four million.

21 SECTION 3. (a) The changes in law made by this Act do not
22 affect the entitlement of a commissioner of a board of emergency
23 services commissioners serving on the board immediately before the
24 effective date of this Act to continue to carry out the board's

1 functions for the remainder of the commissioner's term.

2 (b) This Act does not prohibit a person who is a
3 commissioner on the effective date of this Act and who was appointed
4 under Section 775.034, Health and Safety Code, from running for
5 election to the board if the person has the qualifications required
6 for a member under Section 775.0345, Health and Safety Code, as
7 amended by this Act.

8 (c) A person serving as a member of a board of emergency
9 services commissioners on the effective date of this Act who was
10 appointed under Section 775.034, Health and Safety Code, shall
11 continue to serve until the election and qualification of a new
12 commissioner for that position.

13 (d) In 2012, the county judge of a county with an emergency
14 services district to which Section 775.0345, Health and Safety
15 Code, as amended by this Act, applies and to which Section 775.034,
16 Health and Safety Code, previously applied, shall establish an
17 election as required by Section 775.0345 to replace a commissioner
18 appointed before the effective date of this Act as near as
19 practicable to the date of the expiration of the appointed
20 commissioner's term. A commissioner elected under this subsection
21 serves a two-year term but the successor serves a four-year term as
22 provided by Section 775.0345, Health and Safety Code.

23 (e) In 2013, the county judge shall repeat the procedures
24 described by Subsection (d) of this section for the remaining
25 appointed commissioners. A commissioner elected under this
26 subsection serves a three-year term but the successor serves a
27 four-year term as provided by Section 775.0345, Health and Safety

1 Code.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.