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H.B. No. 272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice requirements for emergency services districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 775.015(e), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Not later than the 21st day before the date on which the hearing will be held, the sheriff shall post one copy of the notice at the courthouse door. The sheriff shall also have the notice published in a regional or area-specific publication [~~newspaper of general circulation~~] in the proposed district once a week for two consecutive weeks. The first publication must occur not later than the 21st day before the date on which the hearing will be held.

SECTION 2. Section 775.036(f), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Each January, the board shall publish the street address of the district's administrative office in a regional or area-specific publication [~~eight-point type in the legal notices section of a newspaper of general circulation~~] in the district. In a district's first year of operation, the board shall publish the notice not later than the 60th day after the date the initial board is appointed.

SECTION 3. Section 775.051(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The secretary shall:

1 (1) post copies of the notice in three public places in
2 the district and one public place in the territory proposed to be
3 annexed into the district for at least 15 days before the date of
4 the hearing; and

5 (2) not later than the 16th day before the date on
6 which the hearing will be held, publish the notice once in a
7 regional or area-specific publication [~~newspaper of general~~
8 ~~circulation~~] in the county.

9 SECTION 4. Section 775.052(d), Health and Safety Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (d) The notice shall be published in a regional or
12 area-specific publication [~~newspaper of general circulation~~] in
13 the district once a week for two consecutive weeks. The first
14 publication must occur not later than the 21st day before the date
15 on which the hearing will be held.

16 SECTION 5. Section 775.0745(b), Health and Safety Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (b) Subject to Section 4.003, Election Code, the [~~The~~] board
19 shall give notice of the election in the same manner as the notice
20 of petition hearing described by Section 775.015 [~~as provided by~~
21 ~~Section 4.003, Election Code~~]. The notice shall contain the
22 information required by Section 4.004, Election Code.

23 SECTION 6. Section 775.077(c), Health and Safety Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (c) The board shall publish notice of the election at least
26 once in a regional or area-specific publication [~~newspaper of~~
27 ~~general circulation~~] in the district. The notice must be published

1 not later than the 31st day before election day.

2 SECTION 7. Section 775.084(b), Health and Safety Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The board shall request bids on items to be purchased or
5 leased or services to be performed as provided by this subsection.
6 The board shall notify suppliers, vendors, or providers by
7 advertising for bids or by providing at least three suppliers,
8 vendors, or purchasers with written notice by mail of the intended
9 purchase. If the board decides to advertise for bids, the
10 advertisement must be published in a regional or area-specific
11 publication [~~accordance with Section 262.025(a), Local Government~~
12 ~~Code~~]. If the board receives fewer than three bids in response to
13 the advertisement, the board shall give written notice directly to
14 at least three suppliers, vendors, or providers of the intended
15 purchase. If three suppliers, vendors, or providers are not
16 available or known to the board, the board shall give written notice
17 by mail directly to each supplier, vendor, or provider known to the
18 board.

19 SECTION 8. Section 775.203(c), Health and Safety Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (c) The secretary shall:

22 (1) post copies of the notice for at least 15 days
23 before the date of the hearing in three public places in the
24 district, one of which must be in the territory proposed to be
25 excluded; and

26 (2) not later than the 16th day before the date on
27 which the hearing is held, publish the notice once in a regional or

1 area-specific publication [~~newspaper of general circulation~~] in
2 each county in which the excluded territory is located.

3 SECTION 9. Section 775.222(e), Health and Safety Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (e) The board shall publish the notice in a regional or
6 area-specific publication [~~newspaper of general circulation~~] in
7 the district once a week for two consecutive weeks. The first
8 publication must occur not later than the 21st day before the date
9 on which the hearing will be held.

10 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.