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H.B. No. 3813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal fire suppression standards in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 342, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 342.901. FIRE SUPPRESSION STANDARDS IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies to a general law municipality that:

(1) has a population of less than 4,000;

(2) is located in a county that:

(A) has a population of more than one million; and

(B) is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 420,000; and

(3) is served by a district governed by Chapter 51, Water Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the governing body of a municipality may by ordinance establish water flow and water pressure standards sufficient to provide adequate pressure to fire suppression systems and require a district described by Subsection (a)(3) that provides water service in the municipality to take reasonable measures to comply with those standards.

1 (c) To the extent of a conflict between this section and any
2 other law, this section controls.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.