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S.B. No. 1481

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of emergency services in the Bella Vista
Municipal Utility District.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8437 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8437. BELLA VISTA MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Sec. 8437.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district"
means the Bella Vista Municipal Utility District.

Sec. 8437.002. REMOVAL OF AREA FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) a municipality with a population of less than
100,000; and

(2) an emergency services district operating under
Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, in which the district is wholly
or partly located.

(b) If the district enters into a strategic partnership
agreement with a municipality under Section 43.0751, Local
Government Code, that includes the provision of fire-fighting
services as defined by Section 49.351(k), Water Code, and the
district has completed all other procedures necessary for a
limited-purpose annexation by that municipality, an emergency
services district shall disannex the territory of the district to
be served by the municipality under the agreement in accordance

1 with Subsection (c).

2 (c) The territory remains part of the emergency services
3 district until the secretary of the emergency services district
4 board receives from the district notice that the requirements of
5 Subsection (b) have been met. On receipt of the notice, the board
6 shall immediately change its records to show that the district
7 territory has been disannexed from the emergency services district
8 and shall cease to provide further services to the residents of that
9 territory.

10 (d) Sections 775.022(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), Health and
11 Safety Code, apply to a disannexation under this section, as if the
12 disannexation occurred under the provisions of Section 775.022(a),
13 Health and Safety Code.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
15 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
16 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
17 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
18 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
19 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
20 Government Code.

21 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
22 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
23 Environmental Quality.

24 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
25 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
26 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
27 representatives within the required time.

1 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
2 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
3 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
4 and accomplished.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.