

1-1 By: Hernandez, Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 973
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;
1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2015, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2015, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Lucio	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Garcia	X			
1-13	Menéndez	X			
1-14	Nichols			X	
1-15	Taylor of Galveston			X	

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency
1-19 services commissioners in certain counties.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 775, Health and Safety
1-22 Code, is amended by adding Section 775.0381 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 775.0381. COMPENSATION IN CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES.

1-24 (a) This section applies only to an emergency services
1-25 commissioner of a district located wholly in a county with a
1-26 population of more than three million.

1-27 (b) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(a), except as provided
1-28 by Subsection (c), an emergency services commissioner is entitled
1-29 to receive compensation of not more than \$150 per day for each day
1-30 the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a
1-31 commissioner. Compensation may not exceed \$7,200 per year.
1-32 Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary
1-33 expenses incurred in performing official duties.

1-34 (c) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(b), instead of
1-35 compensation under Subsection (b), a commissioner may elect to
1-36 receive per diem compensation of \$150 for each day the commissioner
1-37 actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. A
1-38 commissioner who receives per diem compensation may not be
1-39 reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses. Per diem
1-40 payments may not exceed \$7,200 per year.

1-41 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-42 the payment of compensation and per diem compensation of an
1-43 emergency services commissioner for the performance of duties on or
1-44 after the effective date of this Act. The payment of compensation or
1-45 per diem compensation before the effective date of this Act is
1-46 governed by the law in effect when the duty is performed, and the
1-47 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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