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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to the withdrawal of the territory of an emergency services district from the territory of a metropolitan rapid 3 transit authority. 4 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 6 SECTION 1. Section 451.601, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows: 7 Sec. 451.601. UNIT OF ELECTION DEFINED. 8 In this subchapter, "unit of election" means: 9 10 (1) a municipality, including a principal 11 municipality; [or] 12 (2) an unincorporated area designated by а 13 commissioners court under Section 451.657 as a discrete unit for the purposes of a confirmation election; or 14 (3) an emergency services district operating under 15 16 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code. SECTION 2. Subchapter M, Chapter 451, Transportation Code, 17 is amended by adding Section 451.618 to read as follows: 18 Sec. 451.618. WITHDRAWAL: ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR EMERGENCY 19 SERVICES DISTRICTS. (a) An emergency services district operating 20 21 under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, may withdraw from an authority, in addition to any other manner provided by law, by a 22 23 vote of a majority of the registered voters of the district voting at an election on the question of withdrawing from the authority. 24

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(b) The governing body of the emergency services district 1 2 shall call an election under this section if a petition requesting that an election to withdraw from the authority be held is submitted 3 to the governing body and is signed by at least 10 percent of the 4 registered voters of the district on the date the petition is 5 6 submitted. To be counted for purposes of validating the petition, a 7 signature on the petition must have been inscribed not earlier than the 120th day before the date the petition is submitted to the 8 9 governing body. The governing body, before the 31st day after the date 10 (c) the petition is submitted to the governing body, shall determine 11 whether a petition under this section is valid, and if the governing 12 body fails to act on the petition before the expiration of that 13 14 period, the petition is valid. 15 (d) Sections 451.601, 451.607, 451.608, 451.609, 451.611, 16 451.612(a), and 451.613 apply to the withdrawal of an emergency 17 services district under this section. (e) An election may not be called under this section to be 18 19 held on a date earlier than the first anniversary of the date of the most recent election held under this section. 20

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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