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H.B. No. 2211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the qualifications to serve as an emergency services  
3 commissioner in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 775.0355(b) and (c), Health and Safety  
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) This section applies only to a district located [~~wholly~~  
8 ~~in a county~~]:

9 (1) wholly or partly in a county with a population of  
10 more than three million;

11 (2) wholly in a county with a population of more than  
12 200,000 that borders Lake Palestine; or

13 (3) wholly in a county with a population of less than  
14 200,000 that borders another state and the Gulf Intracoastal  
15 Waterway.

16 (c) A person is disqualified from serving as an emergency  
17 services commissioner if that person:

18 (1) is related within the third degree of affinity or  
19 consanguinity to:

20 (A) a person providing professional services to  
21 the district;

22 (B) a commissioner of the same district; or

23 (C) a person who is an employee or volunteer of an  
24 emergency services organization that is providing emergency

1 services to the district, other than an organization providing  
2 emergency services to the district under a mutual aid agreement  
3 under Chapter 418, Government Code;

4 (2) is an employee of a commissioner of the same  
5 district, attorney, or other person providing professional  
6 services to the district;

7 (3) is serving as an attorney, consultant, or  
8 architect or in some other professional capacity for the district  
9 or an emergency services organization providing emergency services  
10 to the district; or

11 (4) fails to maintain the qualifications required by  
12 law to serve as a commissioner.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.