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S.B. No. 877

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to liability of certain political subdivisions in certain  
3 workers' compensation actions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 504.053(e), Labor Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) Nothing in this chapter waives sovereign immunity or  
8 creates a new cause of action, except that a political subdivision  
9 that self-insures either individually or collectively is liable for  
10 attorney's fees as provided by Section 417.003.

11 SECTION 2. Section 504.053, Labor Code, as amended by this  
12 Act, applies only to a third-party action under Chapter 417, Labor  
13 Code, commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
14 third-party action under Chapter 417, Labor Code, commenced before  
15 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to  
16 the action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
17 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.