

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

S.B. No. 877

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 877 passed the Senate on April 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 877 passed the House on May 17, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor