

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of dangerous dogs and dogs that attack persons in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 822, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 822.0012 to read as follows:

Sec. 822.0012. ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to an incorporated municipality that has a population of more than 1,000 and that is the county seat of a county with a population of less than 1,600.

(b) Notwithstanding the definition in Section 822.001(1), for purposes of this subchapter the police department of a municipality described by Subsection (a) is the animal control authority for the municipality in all areas in which a dog is kept and that are subject to the authority of the police department.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 822, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 822.0411 to read as follows:

Sec. 822.0411. ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to an incorporated municipality that has a population of more than 1,000 and that is the county seat of a county with a population of less than 1,600.

(b) Notwithstanding the definition in Section 822.041(1), for purposes of this subchapter the police department of a municipality described by Subsection (a) is the animal control

1 authority for the municipality in all areas in which a dog is kept
2 and that are subject to the authority of the police department.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2283 passed the Senate on May 12, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2283 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor