

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3203
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that the rapid growth experienced by certain counties highlights the need for some emergency services districts to be divided to ensure an attentive and rapid response to emergencies occurring throughout a county. H.B. 3203 seeks to address this issue by providing for the division of such a district in certain counties.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3203 amends the Health and Safety Code to make provisions providing for the division of certain emergency services districts applicable to a district located wholly in a county with a population of more than 30,000 but less than 41,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 200,000 but less than 220,000. The bill requires the board of emergency services commissioners of an emergency services district to which those provisions apply to find that a proposed division is feasible before approving a petition for division.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.