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By:  Toth, et al. H.B. No. 1495

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1495:

By:  Stickland C.S.H.B. No. 1495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorization for the creation of a county ethics commission in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  This Act shall be cited as the J D Lambright Local Government Ethics Reform Act.

SECTION 2.  Section 161.001, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.001.  APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies only to:

(1)  a county that:

(A) [~~(1)~~]  has a population of 800,000 or more;

(B) [~~(2)~~]  is located on the international border; and

(C) [~~(3)~~]  before September 1, 2009, had a county ethics board appointed by the commissioners court; and

(2)  a county that:

(A)  has a population of 425,000 or more;

(B)  is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; and

(C)  contains a portion of the San Jacinto River.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.