By:  Perez (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 4075

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019; May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Lucio                X

Schwertner           X

Alvarado             X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Menéndez             X

Nichols              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dissolution of fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 344.260(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  If less than a majority of the votes cast in a continuation referendum election are for the continuation of a district or if a majority of the votes cast in a dissolution referendum are for dissolution of the district:

(1)  the board shall certify that fact to the secretary of state not later than the 10th day after the date of the canvass of the returns; and

(2)  the district is dissolved and ceases to operate as provided by Section 344.301.

SECTION 2.  Section 344.301, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 344.301.  TIME FOR DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT. (a) A district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the fifth anniversary of [~~five years after~~] the date the municipality began to impose taxes for district purposes if the district has not held a continuation or dissolution referendum.

(b)  The district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the fifth anniversary of the date of the most recent continuation or dissolution referendum.

(c)  Subsection (b) does not apply to a district that is continued under Section 344.251(g), and that district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the end [~~expiration~~] of the period for which it was continued.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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