By:  Toth H.B. No. 4144

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a constable or deputy constable as a weight enforcement officer in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 621.4015(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 621.4015.  DESIGNATION BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. (a) A county commissioners court may designate a constable or deputy constable of the county as a weight enforcement officer in a county:

(1)  that is a county with a population of 1.5 million or more and is within 200 miles of an international border; or

(2)  that is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; [~~and~~]

(3)  in which a planned community is located that has 20,000 or more acres of land, that was originally established under the Urban Growth and New Community Development Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Section 4501 et seq.), and that is subject to restrictive covenants containing ad valorem or annual variable budget based assessments on real property; or

(4)  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 2.  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.