

AN ACT

relating to the division of certain emergency services districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 775.221, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 775.221. AUTHORITY TO DIVIDE DISTRICT. (a) This subchapter applies only to a district located wholly in:

(1) a county with a population of 20,000 or less; or

(2) 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.

(b) The board of a district described by Subsection (a) [located wholly in one county with a population of 20,000 or less] may create a new district by disannexing territory from the existing district and ordering a new district to be created in the disannexed territory in the manner provided by this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 775.223(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The [~~If the board finds that the petition contains the number of signatures required under Section 775.222(a), the~~] board shall approve the petition not later than the 10th day after the date of the hearing if the board finds that:

(1) the petition contains the number of signatures required under Section 775.222(a); and

1 (2) the proposed division is feasible.

2 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
3 775.223(c), Health and Safety Code, applies only to the division of
4 an emergency services district the petition for which is submitted
5 on or after the effective date of this Act. The division of an
6 emergency services district the petition for which is submitted
7 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
8 effect on the date the petition is submitted, and the former law is
9 continued in effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3203 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3203 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor