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H.B. No. 3203

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.