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H.B. No. 4350

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency communications districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 772.001(11), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(11) "Public agency" means a municipality, ~~or~~ county, or emergency services district in this state that provides or has authority to provide fire-fighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

SECTION 2. Section 772.112(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

SECTION 3. Section 772.212(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of the board and the consent of each ~~the~~ participating jurisdiction serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

SECTION 4. Section 772.312(b), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency  
3 response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of  
4 the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction  
5 serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's consent  
6 may be withdrawn at any time.

7 SECTION 5. Section 772.515(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency  
10 response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of  
11 the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction  
12 serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's consent  
13 may be withdrawn at any time.

14 SECTION 6. Section 772.614(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency  
17 response requests to private safety entities, with the [board's]  
18 approval of the board and the consent of each participating  
19 jurisdiction serving the relevant area. A participating  
20 jurisdiction's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

21 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.