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H.B. No. 4457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the minimum number of county jailers necessary to staff a county jail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 351, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 351.048 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.048. MINIMUM STAFF. (a) The sheriff or the administrator of a county jail, as applicable, shall employ at least one county jailer for every 48 inmates housed in the county jail.

(b) The commissioners court of a county shall provide sufficient funding for the employment of county jailers in the number required by this section.

SECTION 2. Section 351.048, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to the commissioners court of a county and to the sheriff or jail administrator of a county beginning on the first day of the first county fiscal year that begins after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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.