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H.B. No. 792

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use an  
3 alternate work schedule for police dispatchers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 142.0015, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

7 (k) For purposes of this subsection, "police dispatcher"  
8 means an operator or dispatcher employed by a municipal police  
9 department who provides communication support services for the  
10 police department by responding to requests for assistance. If a  
11 majority of police dispatchers for a municipal police department  
12 vote in favor of an alternate work schedule, the municipality may  
13 adopt an alternate work schedule for the department's dispatchers.  
14 A dispatcher working under an alternate work schedule adopted under  
15 this subsection is entitled to overtime pay if the dispatcher works  
16 more hours during a calendar month than the number of hours in the  
17 normal work month of the majority of the employees of the  
18 municipality other than fire fighters and police officers.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.