

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 629  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 9, 2021; March 11, 2021,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
1-4 April 7, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 7, 2021,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 629 By: Nichols

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to cemeteries in certain municipalities.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. Section 711.008, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-24 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (l) to  
1-25 read as follows:  
1-26 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b), (f), (g), (g-1),  
1-27 (h), ~~and~~ (k), and (l), an individual, corporation, partnership,  
1-28 firm, trust, or association may not establish or operate a  
1-29 cemetery, or use any land for the interment of remains, located:  
1-30 (1) in or within one mile of the boundaries of a  
1-31 municipality with a population of 5,000 to 25,000;  
1-32 (2) in or within two miles of the boundaries of a  
1-33 municipality with a population of 25,000 to 50,000;  
1-34 (3) in or within three miles of the boundaries of a  
1-35 municipality with a population of 50,000 to 100,000;  
1-36 (4) in or within four miles of the boundaries of a  
1-37 municipality with a population of 100,000 to 200,000; or  
1-38 (5) in or within five miles of the boundaries of a  
1-39 municipality with a population of at least 200,000.  
1-40 (l) Not later than September 1, 2022, an individual,  
1-41 corporation, partnership, firm, trust, or association may file a  
1-42 written application with the governing body of a municipality to  
1-43 which this subsection applies to establish or use a cemetery  
1-44 located inside the legal boundaries of the municipality. The  
1-45 municipality by ordinance shall prescribe the information to be  
1-46 included in the application. The governing body by ordinance may  
1-47 authorize the establishment or use of the cemetery if the  
1-48 municipality determines and states in the ordinance that the  
1-49 establishment or use of the cemetery does not adversely affect  
1-50 public health, safety, and welfare. This subsection applies only  
1-51 to a municipality:  
1-52 (1) with a population of not less than 75,000 and not  
1-53 more than 95,000; and  
1-54 (2) in which a state veterans cemetery is located.  
1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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