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By:  Thompson of Harris H.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county ethics commission.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 161.001, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.001.  APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies only to:

(1)  a county that:

(A)  has a population of 800,000 or more;

(B)  is located on the international border; and

(C)  before September 1, 2009, had a county ethics board appointed by the commissioners court;

(2)  a county that:

(A)  has a population of 425,000 or more;

(B)  is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; and

(C)  contains a portion of the San Jacinto River; [~~and~~]

(3)  a county that has a population of less than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million; and

(4)  a county that has a population of more than 3.3 million.

SECTION 2.  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, 2023.