

By: Jones of Harris

H.B. No. 1468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to assignment of traffic citations to justices of the peace in large counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 351, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 351.905 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.905. ASSIGNMENT OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN LARGE COUNTIES. A sheriff and each constable in a county with a population of one million or more shall ensure that, in each county fiscal year, each justice of the peace in the county is assigned, to the extent possible, an equal number of citations for a violation of highway law under Title 7, Transportation Code, issued by county law enforcement in the county.

SECTION 2. Section 351.905, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a county fiscal year that begins on or 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, 2023.