By: Flores H.B. No. 249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the frequency of county bail bond board meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1704.055, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and (d), a board shall meet:

(1) at least once a month; and

(2) at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

(d) A board in a county with a population of less than 1.3 million and containing a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more shall meet:

(1) at least six times each year during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November at the call of the presiding officer; and

(2) at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

SECTION 2. Section 1704.162(h), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) Notwithstanding the expiration date of a license issued under this chapter, if a board to which Section 1704.055(c) or (d) applies tables a license holder's application for renewal or

otherwise does not take action to approve or deny the application, the applicant's current license continues in effect until the next meeting of the board.

SECTION 3. Section 1704.162(h), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an application for renewal of a license filed with a county bail bond board on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before that date is governed by the law in effect at the time the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 2027, 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 effect on that date, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.