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H.B. No. 973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 775.0381 to read as follows:

Sec. 775.0381. COMPENSATION IN CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES.

(a) This section applies only to an emergency services commissioner of a district located wholly in a county with a population of more than three million.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(a), except as provided by Subsection (c), an emergency services commissioner is entitled to receive compensation of not more than \$150 per day for each day the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. Compensation may not exceed \$7,200 per year. Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in performing official duties.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(b), instead of compensation under Subsection (b), a commissioner may elect to receive per diem compensation of \$150 for each day the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. A commissioner who receives per diem compensation may not be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses. Per diem payments may not exceed \$7,200 per year.

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 the payment of compensation and per diem compensation of an
3 emergency services commissioner for the performance of duties on or
4 after the effective date of this Act. The payment of compensation or
5 per diem compensation before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect when the duty is performed, and the
7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.