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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.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 775.038(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), an emergency services commissioner is entitled to receive compensation of not more than \$150 [~~\$50~~] per day for each day the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. Compensation may not exceed \$7,200 [~~\$3,000~~] per year. Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in performing official duties.

(b) Instead of compensation under Subsection (a), a commissioner may elect to receive per diem compensation of \$150 [~~\$50~~] 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 [~~\$3,000~~] per year.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the payment of compensation and per diem compensation of an emergency services commissioner for the performance of duties on or after the effective date of this Act. The payment of compensation or

1 per diem compensation before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect when the duty is performed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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