

1-1 By: Hernandez, Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 973  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;  
 1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2015, reported favorably by  
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2015, sent to  
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15			X	

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency  
 1-19 services commissioners in certain counties.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 775, Health and Safety  
 1-22 Code, is amended by adding Section 775.0381 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 775.0381. COMPENSATION IN CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES.

1-24 (a) This section applies only to an emergency services  
 1-25 commissioner of a district located wholly in a county with a  
 1-26 population of more than three million.

1-27 (b) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(a), except as provided  
 1-28 by Subsection (c), an emergency services commissioner is entitled  
 1-29 to receive compensation of not more than \$150 per day for each day  
 1-30 the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a  
 1-31 commissioner. Compensation may not exceed \$7,200 per year.  
 1-32 Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary  
 1-33 expenses incurred in performing official duties.

1-34 (c) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(b), instead of  
 1-35 compensation under Subsection (b), a commissioner may elect to  
 1-36 receive per diem compensation of \$150 for each day the commissioner  
 1-37 actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. A  
 1-38 commissioner who receives per diem compensation may not be  
 1-39 reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses. Per diem  
 1-40 payments may not exceed \$7,200 per year.

1-41 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-42 the payment of compensation and per diem compensation of an  
 1-43 emergency services commissioner for the performance of duties on or  
 1-44 after the effective date of this Act. The payment of compensation or  
 1-45 per diem compensation before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-46 governed by the law in effect when the duty is performed, and the  
 1-47 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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