

1-1 By: Workman (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 3666  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;  
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Transportation; May 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3666 By: Huffines

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the withdrawal of the territory of certain emergency  
 1-22 services districts from the territory of a metropolitan rapid  
 1-23 transit authority.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 451.601, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 451.601. UNIT OF ELECTION DEFINED. In this  
 1-28 subchapter, "unit of election" means:

1-29 (1) a municipality, including a principal  
 1-30 municipality; ~~or~~

1-31 (2) an unincorporated area designated by a  
 1-32 commissioners court under Section 451.657 as a discrete unit for  
 1-33 the purposes of a confirmation election; or

1-34 (3) an emergency services district operating under  
 1-35 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, that:

1-36 (A) borders Lake Travis; and

1-37 (B) is located in or borders two municipalities  
 1-38 with a population of more than 45,000.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subchapter M, Chapter 451, Transportation Code,  
 1-40 is amended by adding Section 451.618 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 451.618. WITHDRAWAL: ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR CERTAIN  
 1-42 EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS. (a) An emergency services district  
 1-43 described by Section 451.601(3) may withdraw from an authority, in  
 1-44 addition to any other manner provided by law, by a vote of a  
 1-45 majority of the registered voters of the district voting at an  
 1-46 election on the question of withdrawing from the authority.

1-47 (b) The governing body of the emergency services district  
 1-48 shall call an election under this section if a petition requesting  
 1-49 that an election to withdraw from the authority be held is submitted  
 1-50 to the governing body and is signed by at least 10 percent of the  
 1-51 registered voters of the district on the date the petition is  
 1-52 submitted. To be counted for purposes of validating the petition, a  
 1-53 signature on the petition must have been inscribed not earlier than  
 1-54 the 120th day before the date the petition is submitted to the  
 1-55 governing body.

1-56 (c) The governing body, before the 31st day after the date  
 1-57 the petition is submitted to the governing body, shall determine  
 1-58 whether a petition under this section is valid, and if the governing  
 1-59 body fails to act on the petition before the expiration of that  
 1-60 period, the petition is valid.

2-1 (d) Sections 451.601, 451.607, 451.608, 451.609, 451.611,  
2-2 451.612(a), and 451.613 apply to the withdrawal of an emergency  
2-3 services district under this section.

2-4 (e) An election may not be called under this section to be  
2-5 held on a date earlier than the first anniversary of the date of the  
2-6 most recent election held under this section.

2-7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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