

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 877
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2017;
 1-3 February 28, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; April 12, 2017, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Estes	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Whitmire	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to liability of certain political subdivisions in certain
 1-20 workers' compensation actions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 504.053(e), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (e) Nothing in this chapter waives sovereign immunity or
 1-25 creates a new cause of action, except that a political subdivision
 1-26 that self-insures either individually or collectively is liable for
 1-27 attorney's fees as provided by Section 417.003.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 504.053, Labor Code, as amended by this
 1-29 Act, applies only to a third-party action under Chapter 417, Labor
 1-30 Code, commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A
 1-31 third-party action under Chapter 417, Labor Code, commenced before
 1-32 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to
 1-33 the action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
 1-34 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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