

1-1 By: Parker, Huffman S.B. No. 1370
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 31, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the establishment of the office of medical examiner in
1-18 certain counties.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
1-21 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 1. OFFICE REQUIRED IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AND AUTHORIZED
1-23 IN OTHER COUNTIES. Subject to the provisions of this article, the
1-24 commissioners court of any county with ~~[having]~~ a population of
1-25 more than one ~~[2.5]~~ million shall establish and maintain the office
1-26 of medical examiner, and the commissioners court of any county with
1-27 a population of less than one million may establish and provide for
1-28 the maintenance of the office of medical examiner. Population
1-29 shall be according to the last preceding federal census.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 1-a(a), Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
1-31 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

1-32 (a) The commissioners courts of two or more counties,
1-33 regardless of population size, may enter into an agreement to
1-34 create a medical examiners district and to jointly operate and
1-35 maintain the office of medical examiner of the district. The
1-36 district must include the entire area of all counties involved. The
1-37 counties within the district must, when taken together, form a
1-38 continuous area.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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