

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency
3 services commissioners in certain counties.

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

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

7 Sec. 775.0381. COMPENSATION IN CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES.

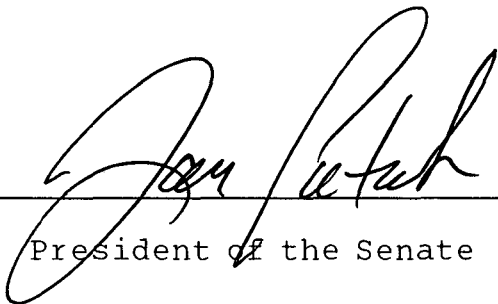
8 (a) This section applies only to an emergency services
9 commissioner of a district located wholly in a county with a
10 population of more than three million.

11 (b) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(a), except as provided
12 by Subsection (c), an emergency services commissioner is entitled
13 to receive compensation of not more than \$150 per day for each day
14 the commissioner actually spends performing the duties of a
15 commissioner. Compensation may not exceed \$7,200 per year.
16 Commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary
17 expenses incurred in performing official duties.


18 (c) Notwithstanding Section 775.038(b), instead of
19 compensation under Subsection (b), a commissioner may elect to
20 receive per diem compensation of \$150 for each day the commissioner
21 actually spends performing the duties of a commissioner. A
22 commissioner who receives per diem compensation may not be
23 reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses. Per diem
24 payments may not exceed \$7,200 per year.

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 the payment of compensation and per diem compensation of an
3 emergency services commissioner for the performance of duties on or
4 after the effective date of this Act. The payment of compensation or
5 per diem compensation before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect when the duty is performed, and the
7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

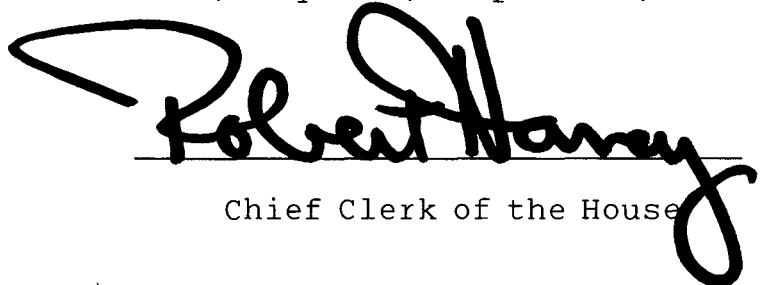


President of the Senate



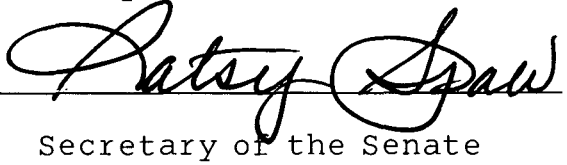
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 973 was passed by the House on May 4, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 77, Nays 61, 2 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 973 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.



Secretary of the Senate

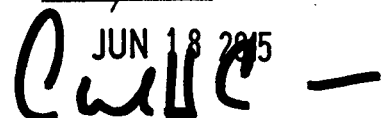
APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

8:00 pm O'CLOCK



Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

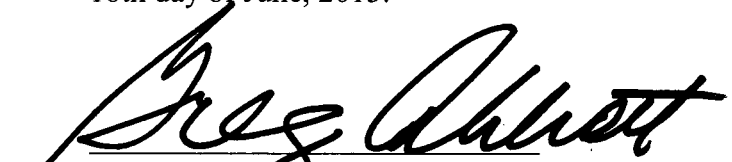
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 973 as passed by the Eighty-Fourth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Emergency services districts provide necessary fire and EMS services to unincorporated areas of the state. The commissioners who run these districts on a part-time basis receive modest compensation that is set by statute and is uniform throughout the state. House Bill 973 would more than double the compensation for commissioners in Harris County while leaving all other commissioners throughout the state under the existing compensation limits. This would be an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer money and an inappropriate departure from the uniform statewide compensation limits currently in effect.

Since the Eighty-Fourth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2015.


GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:



CARLOS CASCOS
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
8:00 p.m. O'CLOCK

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2015

TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB973 by Hernandez (Relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners in certain counties.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KVe, SD, EK

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 21, 2015

TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB973 by Hernandez (Relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners in certain counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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Source Agencies:

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 1, 2015

TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB973 by Hernandez (Relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to increase the compensation of emergency services commissioners.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KVe, SD, EK