

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 501  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Tarrant County 9-1-1 District was authorized by the legislature and ratified by county voters in 1985 for the purpose of implementing and maintaining an enhanced 9-1-1 emergency call network for the residents of the district. Service was established in August 1987. All cities in Tarrant County, as well as Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and the City of Irving, participate in the district. H.B. 501 addresses the growing population of the district and provides additional representation on the board of other large cities in the district.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 772.206(a), (c), and (d), Health and Safety Code, as follows:

- (a) Provides that a district is governed by a board of managers consisting of certain people representing the municipalities in the district.
- (c) Makes a statutory reference change.
- (d) Provides that board members are appointed for staggered terms of two years, with as near as possible to one-half of the members' terms expiring each year, rather than three members' terms expiring each year.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 772.209, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

- (a) Amends the requirements for the budget to be effective.
- (b) Requires the proposed budget to be presented to certain entities for purposes of Subsection (a)(4), rather than (a)(5).
- (c) Provides that for the purpose of determining approval by a majority under Subsection (a)(5) if the budget is required to be presented under Subsection (b)(2), the other participating jurisdictions are considered to be acting jointly as one entity.

SECTION 3. Provides that, notwithstanding Section 772.206(d), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, the first board member appointed under Section 772.206(a)(4), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, shall be appointed to a one-year term, and the first board member appointed under Section 772.206(a)(6), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, shall be appointed to a two-year term. Provides that thereafter, each board member appointed under Section 772.206, Health and Safety Code, serves a two-year term.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.