

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the commissioners court of a county is required to appoint emergency services district (ESD) commissioners, if part of the district is located within the court's county. However, no state law requires the ESD commissioners to have knowledge of fire prevention or emergency services industries despite its importance. As proposed, S.B. 679 requires the commissioners court to consider relevant factors in determining the individuals to appoint as emergency services commissioners, including whether the individuals have knowledge that relates to fire prevention or emergency medical services.

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 Section 775.034, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(f) Requires the commissioners court to consider relevant factors in determining the individuals to appoint as emergency services commissioners, including whether the individuals have knowledge that relates to fire prevention or emergency medical services and that is relevant to the common policies and practices of the board.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 776.033, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Requires the commissioners court to consider relevant factors in determining the individuals to appoint as emergency services commissioners, including whether the individuals have knowledge that relates to fire prevention or emergency medical services and that is relevant to the common policies and practices of the board.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.