

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 339
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2001, H.B. 1096 was passed to allow municipalities to have the option to create districts for fire control, prevention, and emergency services. Municipalities are able to dedicate a portion of their tax revenue for the purpose of creating a district through a vote of the municipality's residents. The current brackets of the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services Districts Act are only applicable to certain municipalities.

H.B. 339 amends the brackets within the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services Districts Act to allow a home-rule city of any size in Collin County the option to hold an election to create an emergency service or fire prevention district to meet the needs of the growing population in that municipality.

H.B. 339 amends current law relating to the authority to propose the creation of a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services 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 Section 344.051, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (a-1) to authorize the governing body of a municipality to propose the creation of a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district under this chapter (Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services Districts) if the municipality has a population of 5,000 or more and less than 25,000, and is located in a county with a population of 750,000 or more in which all or part of a municipality with a population of one million or more is located, and that is adjacent to a county with a population of two million or more.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.