

CHAPTER 695

H.B. No. 504

An Act relating to the maximum number of hours a fire fighter can be required to work in certain cities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Acts of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945 (Article 1269p, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 6D to read as follows:

Sec. 6D. In all cities having more than 1,500,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding federal census it shall be unlawful to require or permit any fireman to work more than an average, during a calendar year, of forty-six and seven-tenths (46.7) hours per week. In the event that any such fireman shall be required to work more than forty-eight (48) hours per week, he shall be compensated for such overtime at a rate equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times the compensation paid to such firemen for regular hours.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 10, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985