

CHAPTER 843

H.B. No. 1363

AN ACT

relating to local government workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, Article 8309h, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. A joint fund, as herein provided for, may be established by the concurrence of any two or more political subdivisions. The fund may be operated under the rules, regulations, and bylaws as established by the political subdivisions which desire to participate therein. Each political subdivision shall be and is hereby empowered to pay into said fund its proportionate part as due and to contract for the fund, by and through its directors, to make the payments due hereunder to the employees of the contracting political subdivision. *The joint funds created hereunder may provide to the State Board of Insurance loss data, the same as would an insurance company writing workers' compensation insurance in Texas, and the State Board of Insurance shall use the loss data in promulgating rates and classifications of rates as provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 5, Insurance Code. Except as specifically provided by this section, a joint insurance fund herein provided for shall not be considered insurance for the purpose of any other statute of this state and shall not be subject to the regulations of the State Board of Insurance.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 25, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.