

CHAPTER 1087

S.B. No. 1331

AN ACT

relating to the provision of and the service fee for 9-1-1 emergency telephone service in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, 9-1-1 Emergency Number Act, as amended (Article 1432c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) After a district is established under this Act, 9-1-1 service is not an optional service for individual telephone subscribers within the territory of the district and is not an optional service under any definitions of terms relating to telephone service.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 10, 9-1-1 Emergency Number Act, as amended (Article 1432c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board, when so authorized by a majority of the votes cast in the election and by a majority vote of the governing body of each public agency to become a participating jurisdiction, may charge a 9-1-1 emergency service fee at a rate not to exceed two percent of the base rate of the principal service supplier per service user per month in the participating jurisdictions. For the purposes of this vote of the governing body of each public agency, the jurisdiction of the county includes all unincorporated areas of the county. The 9-1-1 emergency service fee must have uniform application and must be imposed within all participating jurisdictions. After the district has been in operation for one year after the confirmation and fee election held under this section, the rate of the 9-1-1 emergency service fee that may be charged is an amount not to exceed three percent of the base rate of the principal service supplier per service user per month in the participating jurisdictions.

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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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 18, 1987.

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