

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 40, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1989; Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 14, Sec. 273, eff. Sept. 1, 1991; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1204, Sec. 1.005, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. [558](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Sec. 775.033. LIABILITY OF DISTRICT. (a) A district is not liable for a claim arising from the act or omission of an employee or volunteer under an oral or written contract with the district if the act or omission:

(1) is in the course and scope of the employee's or volunteer's duties for the district;

(2) takes place during the provision of emergency services;

(3) is not in violation of a statute or ordinance applicable to emergency action; and

(4) is not wilful or wantonly negligent.

(b) This section does not expand the liability of a district.

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Sec. 775.034. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD IN DISTRICT LOCATED WHOLLY IN ONE COUNTY. (a) The commissioners court of a county in which a single-county district is located shall appoint a five-member board of emergency services commissioners to serve as the district's governing body. To serve as a member of the board a person must be:

(1) at least 18 years of age; and

(2) a resident citizen of the state and:

(A) a qualified voter within areas served by the district; or

(B) the owner of land subject to taxation in the district.

(b) Except as prescribed by Subsection (c), commissioners serve two-year terms.

(c) After the votes are canvassed and the commissioners

court enters the order creating the district, the commissioners court shall appoint the initial emergency services commissioners to serve until January 1 of the year following the district election. On January 1, the court shall designate three of those emergency services commissioners to serve a two-year term and two of those emergency services commissioners to serve a one-year term.

(d) On January 1 of each year, the commissioners court shall appoint a successor for each emergency services commissioner whose term has expired.

(e) The commissioners court shall fill a vacancy on the board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(f) A member of the board who, because of municipal annexation, is no longer a qualified voter of an area served by the district or no longer owns land subject to taxation by the district may continue to serve until the expiration of the member's term.

(g) The commissioners court shall 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.

(h) This section does not apply to a district located wholly in a county with a population of more than three million.

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Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [900](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 775.0345. ELECTION OF BOARD IN CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a district located wholly in a county with a population of more than three million.

(b) The governing body of a district consists of a five-person board of emergency services commissioners elected as prescribed by this section. Except as provided by Subsection (h),