

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 9. SAFETY

SUBTITLE B. EMERGENCIES

CHAPTER 775. EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS

SUBCHAPTER C. ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES

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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