



Emergency Services Districts (ESDs)

FIRE

RESCUE

EMS

SUPPORT HB 4275 by Rep. Rogers

Service Level Protection for Residents

Municipal annexation and removal of territory from an ESD can reduce the level of emergency services provided to citizens.

HB 4275 requires municipalities:

- meet or exceed the ESD service levels after annexation
- or leave the area in the ESD
- or pay the ESD to maintain service levels



OPPOSE HB 1776

Removes Authority from Voters

ESDs can only expand territory by receipt of petition and subsequent approval by the majority of voters at an election.

This bill enables a city to supplant the will of the voters by refusing to consent to an ESD annexation election regardless of the whether the city provides good emergency services, or any services at all, within the city limits or its ETJ.

OPPOSE SB 175

Imposes Burdens on Volunteers

The bill removes local control over legislative policy and communication from ESDs and forces volunteer/nonpolitical board members to travel to Austin from all over Texas to spend time away from paying jobs and family.

It is more efficient for the voice of the ESD community to be heard through its association representatives rather than hundreds of individual board members.