

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 53, Page 2, Section 64.805, Line 13, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "321.720. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any fire
5 protection district that is wholly or partially located within, or that adjoins a fire protection district
6 that is located within, a street light maintenance district with a population of less than three thousand
7 inhabitants and that is located within a county with a charter form of government and with more
8 than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the governing body of the county that acts as an
9 apportionment commission of such county shall establish wards within the fire protection district for
10 the purpose of electing the board of directors of such district. The number of wards shall equal the
11 number of directors on the board as of August 28, 2019.

12 2. The ward boundaries shall be drawn by the commissioners within ninety days after
13 August 28, 2019, and within six months after each decennial census is reported to the President of
14 the United States. Ward boundaries drawn by the governing body of the county acting as an
15 apportionment commission shall not be subject to veto by the chief executive of the county.

16 3. The commissioners shall apportion the wards by dividing the population, determined by
17 the preceding decennial census, of the district by the number of wards and shall establish each ward
18 so that the population of each ward shall, as nearly as possible, equal that figure or be within one
19 percent thereof. Each ward shall be composed of contiguous territory as compact as possible.

20 4. Directors elected or appointed in the fire protection district shall be elected or appointed
21 to represent one of the wards, beginning with the first general municipal election or vacancy
22 occurring after August 28, 2019. No director candidate shall be eligible unless the candidate resides
23 in the ward for which he or she is a candidate for one year prior to the date of the election or, in the
24 case of a vacancy, resides in the ward he or she is appointed to represent. A director shall forfeit his
25 or her office if his or her residence is not within the ward. Such vacancy may be declared after
26 notice and a hearing, and the office shall be filled by the remaining members of the board as
27 provided by law.

28 5. Members of the board of directors in office as of August 28, 2019, shall hold office for
29 the length of the term and until their successors are elected and qualified. Any member appointed to
30 fill a vacancy in office occurring after August 28, 2019, shall serve until the next general municipal
31 election, at which time a successor shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term.

32 6. At the first general municipal election to occur after August 28, 2019, the elections for
33 the seats of any expiring terms or appointed terms of at-large members of the board shall be filled by
34 persons elected from the lowest-numbered wards, as those wards are created and numbered by the
35 governing body of the county sitting as an apportionment commission. The second such general
36 municipal election shall be for the lowest-numbered wards not filled at the prior election, and the

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1 third such election shall be for the remaining wards not filled at the prior two elections.

2 7. The law governing fire protection districts shall continue to apply to any district described
3 in this section, except as expressly provided in this section."; and

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5 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
6 accordingly.