

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12



STATE OF TEXAS § IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
COUNTY OF COMAL §

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 553

WHEREAS, Emergency Services Districts are created by voters to provide more reliable funding for fire protection and emergency medical services, and a primary mission of protecting the lives and property of their citizens when they are threatened by emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this critical and essential function, Emergency Services Districts must have a predictable, reliable and adequate level of revenue; and

WHEREAS, there are seven Emergency Services Districts in Comal County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, each five-member board of emergency services commissioners is appointed by the Comal County Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court has a long-established trust and confidence in each Emergency Services District board of commissioners judgment in setting the budget and tax rate; and

WHEREAS, each of the seven Emergency Services Districts in Comal County have a record of success and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court has the authority to replace Emergency Services District commissioners every two years if the Court has concerns regarding the budget and tax rates of the Emergency Services Districts; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 553 filed in the 87th Texas Legislature would require that all Emergency Services Districts submit their budgets and proposed tax rates to their county commissioners courts for approval, thereby threatening the established trust, creating unnecessary bureaucracy, and undermining the principle of self-government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THIS 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2021 THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby express their opposition to H.B. 553.


SHERMAN KRAUSE, COUNTY JUDGE


DONNA ECCLESTON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1


SCOTT HAAG
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2


KEVIN WEBB
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3


JEN CROWNOVER
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4

ATTEST:

BOBBIE KOEPF, COUNTY CLERK

