

SUBCHAPTER D. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICTS: COUNTIES WITH
POPULATION OVER 20,000

Sec. 772.301. SHORT TITLE. This subchapter may be cited
as the Emergency Telephone Number Act.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Sec. 772.302. **PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this
subchapter to establish the number 9-1-1 as the primary
emergency telephone number for use by certain local governments
in this state and to encourage units of local government and
combinations of those units to develop and improve emergency
communication procedures and facilities in a manner that will
make possible the quick response to any person calling the
telephone number 9-1-1 seeking police, fire, medical, rescue,
and other emergency services. To this purpose the legislature
finds that:

(1) it is in the public interest to shorten the time
required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid;

(2) there exist thousands of different emergency
telephone numbers throughout the state, and telephone exchange
boundaries and central office service areas do not necessarily
correspond to public safety and political boundaries;

(3) a dominant part of the state's population is
located in rapidly expanding metropolitan areas that generally
cross the boundary lines of local jurisdictions and often extend
into two or more counties; and

(4) provision of a single, primary three-digit
emergency number through which emergency services can be quickly
and efficiently obtained would provide a significant
contribution to law enforcement and other public safety efforts
by making it less difficult to notify public safety personnel
quickly.

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