

HB 1942 -- EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARDS

Currently, a county emergency telephone service 911 board must consist of 11 members appointed by the county governing body with at least six members representing public safety agencies. This bill specifies that at least seven members of the Polk County board must represent certain public safety agencies including the county sheriff, county presiding commissioner, chief of police of the county seat, mayor of the county seat, president of the county fire association, and the chief executive officer and the director of emergency services of the memorial hospital located in the county seat.

An emergency service board, instead of the county governing board, must annually establish a tax rate sufficient to fund emergency services expenditures by September 1, publish the rate in its minutes, and notify every retailer by mail of the new rate. The bill specifies that an emergency service board will be a body corporate and a political subdivision of the state.