



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-2601, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Public Health Services

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Supplemental RCA

**Type of Request:** Position

**Project ID** (if applicable): N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation** (if applicable): N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by Public Health Services for approval to reappoint Dr. Ericka Brown as the Local Health Authority for Harris County for the two-year term of June 29, 2024 - June 29, 2026.

**Background and Discussion:**

Established during the 79th Legislative session, Health Authorities (HA) serve as a critical part of the state's public health system. Health and Safety Code establishes and defines a Health Authority in Texas as a physician appointed under the provisions of Chapter 121, to administer state and local laws relating to public health within an appointing body's jurisdiction. Health Authorities are considered an officer of the state when performing duties to implement and enforce laws that protect the public's health.

**Expected Impact:**

This appointment will allow for the execution of certain state health activities in Harris County, such as:

- Establishing, maintaining, and enforcing jurisdictional quarantine orders
- Aiding in quarantine inspections, disease prevention and suppression efforts, birth and death statistics, and general sanitation issues within their jurisdiction
- Reporting the presence of contagious, infectious and dangerous epidemic diseases to local and state authorities

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing

- ☒ Public Health  
☐ Transportation  
☐ Flooding  
☐ Environment  
☐ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action** (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
12/14/2021	305	Dr. Ericka Brown appointed as an alternate Local Health Authority
06/28/2022	137	Dr. Brown appointed Local Health Authority

**Location:**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Service Name					
			Current Fiscal Year Cost		Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses	
<b>Funding Sources</b>					
<b>Existing Budget</b>					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Additional Budget Request</b> ( <i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i> )					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)					
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-	
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-	

**Anticipated Court Date:** April 23, 2024**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** June 29, 2024

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC, Executive Director, Public Health Services

**Attachments** (if applicable): Appointment letter, Certificate of Appointment for a Health Authority, Oath of Office for Health Authorities in the State of Texas, Statement of Elected/Appointed Office, Court order