

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 1179  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
1-4 Security; April 1, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 1, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Campbell	X		
1-9	Hall	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Seliger	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.  
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-19 SECTION 1. Sections 61.003(a) and (e), Government Code, are  
1-20 amended to read as follows:  
1-21 (a) After jury service is concluded, each ~~Each~~ person who  
1-22 reported ~~reports~~ for jury service shall be personally provided a  
1-23 form letter that when signed by the person directs the county  
1-24 treasurer to donate all, or a specific amount designated by the  
1-25 person, of the person's daily reimbursement under this chapter to:  
1-26 (1) the compensation to victims of crime fund  
1-27 established under Subchapter J, Chapter 56B, Code of Criminal  
1-28 Procedure;  
1-29 (2) the child welfare, child protective services, or  
1-30 child services board of the county appointed under Section 264.005,  
1-31 Family Code, that serves abused and neglected children;  
1-32 (3) any program selected by the commissioners court  
1-33 that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and  
1-34 that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence;  
1-35 (4) any other program approved by the commissioners  
1-36 court of the county, including a program established under Article  
1-37 56A.205, Code of Criminal Procedure, that offers psychological  
1-38 counseling in criminal cases involving graphic evidence or  
1-39 testimony; or  
1-40 (5) a veterans treatment court program established by  
1-41 the commissioners court as provided by Chapter 124.  
1-42 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a county that has  
1-43 adopted a system or method of payment authorized by Section  
1-44 113.048, Local Government Code, may provide a person who reported  
1-45 reports for jury service in the county an opportunity to donate  
1-46 all, or a specific part designated by the juror, of the juror's  
1-47 daily reimbursement by completing a self-executing application on a  
1-48 form prescribed by the commissioners court that is provided after  
1-49 jury service is concluded.  
1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a person summoned to  
1-51 appear for jury service who is required to appear on or after the  
1-52 effective date of this Act. A person summoned to appear for jury  
1-53 service who is required to appear before the effective date of this  
1-54 Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the  
1-55 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
1-56 effect for that purpose.  
1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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