

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 888  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2025; February 13, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the attorney general's defense of a district or county  
1-22 attorney against certain lawsuits in federal court.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 402.024, Government Code,  
1-25 is amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 402.024. DEFENSE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COUNTY  
1-27 ATTORNEY, OR GRAND JUROR.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 402.024, Government Code, is amended by  
1-29 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-30 (c) The attorney general may defend a state district  
1-31 attorney or a county attorney in an action in a federal court if:

1-32 (1) the district or county attorney is a defendant  
1-33 because of the district or county attorney's position;

1-34 (2) the cause of action relates to the enforcement of a  
1-35 state statute; and

1-36 (3) the district or county attorney requests the  
1-37 attorney general's assistance in the defense.

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 402.024, Government Code, as amended by  
1-39 this Act, applies only to a court action filed in federal court on  
1-40 or after the effective date of this Act. A court action filed  
1-41 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
1-42 effect on the date the action was filed, and the former law is  
1-43 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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