

1-1 By: Denny (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 608
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 7, 2003;
1-3 April 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 7, 2003, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the selection of alternate public members to serve on
1-9 the committee to review salaries and expenses of elected county or
1-10 precinct officers.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Sections 152.015(b) and (d), Local Government
1-13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (b) Before the meeting, the county clerk shall place on a
1-15 separate slip the name of each person who served on a grand jury in
1-16 the county during the preceding calendar year. At the meeting the
1-17 slips shall be folded, placed in an appropriate container, and
1-18 mixed. The county judge shall draw at random a number of slips
1-19 equal to the number of public members needed for the committee and
1-20 shall announce the names on the slips. At the meeting the county
1-21 judge may repeat this process and make a list of alternates. A
1-22 person whose name is drawn becomes a member of the committee or an
1-23 alternate on submitting written acceptance to the clerk. If a
1-24 person refuses or is unable to serve on the committee, a replacement
1-25 shall be appointed from the list of alternates. If the list of
1-26 alternates is exhausted or does not exist, a replacement shall be
1-27 selected at the next regular or called commissioners court meeting
1-28 by random selection of a slip from the remaining slips. This
1-29 process shall be repeated until the required number of public
1-30 members is selected.

1-31 (d) A vacancy in a public member position shall be filled
1-32 for the unexpired part of the term by appointment from the list of
1-33 alternates. If the list of alternates is exhausted or does not
1-34 exist, a replacement shall be filled by random selection of a slip
1-35 from the remaining slips at a meeting of the commissioners court.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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