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H.B. No. 1154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of counties and municipalities to
3 contract for services to collect forfeited bail bonds.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 103.0031(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commissioners court of a county or the governing
8 body of a municipality may enter into a contract with a private
9 attorney or a public or private vendor for the provision of
10 collection services for debts and accounts receivable such as
11 forfeited bail bonds, fines, fees, restitution, and other debts or
12 costs[~~, other than forfeited bonds,~~] ordered to be paid by a court
13 serving the county or a court serving the municipality, as
14 appropriate.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.