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S.B. No. 1161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing counties and municipalities to provide services through the Internet.

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

SECTION 1. Section 132.007, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 132.007. INFORMATION, SERVICES AND PAYMENT THROUGH THE INTERNET. (a) A county or municipality may provide through the Internet:

(1) access to information; or

(2) collection of payments for taxes, fines, fees, court costs, or other charges.

(3) other county services authorized by law.

(b) A county or municipality may charge a reasonable fee for providing a service 12 authorized by this section.

(c) A county or municipality that provides access to information or other county 14 services through the Internet under Subsections (a)(1) or (a)(3):

(1) may only charge a fee for the access or services designed to recover the costs directly and reasonably incurred in providing the access or services; and

(2) may charge the fee only if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that providing access to the information or other services through the Internet would not be

1 feasible without the imposition of the charge.

2 (d) A county or municipality may contract with a vendor to
3 perform a any service or activity authorized by Subsection (a). A
4 vendor must promptly submit to the county or municipality all
5 payments collected on behalf of the county or municipality under
6 this section. The county or municipality must approve any fee
7 charged by a vendor in association with a contract authorized by
8 this subsection [~~for a service performed under this section~~].

9 SECTION 2. This Act is effective September 1, 2003.