

1-1 By: Barrientos S.B. No. 1161
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2003; March 17, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1161 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to authorizing counties and municipalities to provide
1-11 certain services through the Internet.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 132.007, Local Government Code, is
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 132.007. INFORMATION, SERVICES, AND PAYMENT THROUGH
1-16 THE INTERNET. (a) A county or municipality may provide through
1-17 the Internet:

- 1-18 (1) access to information; ~~[or]~~
- 1-19 (2) collection of payments for taxes, fines, fees,
1-20 court costs, or other charges; or
- 1-21 (3) other county and municipal services authorized by
1-22 law.

1-23 (b) A county or municipality may charge a reasonable fee for
1-24 providing a service authorized by this section.

1-25 (c) A county or municipality that provides access to
1-26 information or provides services through the Internet under
1-27 Subsection (a) (1) or (3):

1-28 (1) may only charge a fee for the access or service if
1-29 the fee is designed to recover the costs directly and reasonably
1-30 incurred in providing the access or service; and

1-31 (2) may charge the fee only if the governing body of
1-32 the county or municipality determines that providing access to the
1-33 information or providing the service through the Internet would not
1-34 be feasible without the imposition of the charge.

1-35 (d) A county or municipality may contract with a vendor to
1-36 perform a service authorized by Subsection (a). A vendor must
1-37 promptly submit to the county or municipality all payments
1-38 collected on behalf of the county or municipality under this
1-39 section. The county or municipality must approve any fee charged by
1-40 a vendor ~~[for a service performed]~~ under a contract authorized by
1-41 this subsection [section].

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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