

AN ACT

relating to records and proceedings held in auxiliary facilities outside certain county seats.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 292, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 292.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 292.0025. FACILITIES OUTSIDE COUNTY SEAT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county that has a population of 18,000 or less.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may provide an auxiliary court, office building, or jail facility at a location in the county and within five miles of the boundaries of the county seat in the same manner that is applicable to a court, building, or facility at the county seat. The commissioners court may provide for the building or facility through the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness as provided under Section 292.002 and may provide office space in the building or facility for any county or precinct office.

(c) The auxiliary court may be used for the holding of court proceedings, including district court proceedings. For the purpose of the court proceedings, the commissioners court may designate the location of the auxiliary court as an auxiliary county seat.

(d) The records of a county officer who is provided space at a court, building, or facility under this section and the records of

1 the auxiliary court may be kept at the court, building, or facility.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1564 passed the Senate on April 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 9, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1564 passed the House, with amendment, on May 6, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor