

AN ACT

relating to costs imposed in connection with the collection and enforcement of certain tolls.

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

SECTION 1. Section 284.2031, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) In a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, money [~~Money~~] collected under Subsection (a) shall be deposited in the county treasury in a special fund to be administered by the county attorney or district attorney. Expenditures from this fund shall be at the sole discretion of the attorney and may be used only to defray the salaries and expenses of the prosecutor's office, but in no event may the county attorney or district attorney supplement his or her own salary from this fund.

(d) In a county with a population of less than 3.3 million, money collected under Subsection (a) shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

SECTION 2. (a) Subchapter D, Chapter 284, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 284.2032 to read as follows:

Sec. 284.2032. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COST IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) A county with a population of 3.3 million or more may impose, in addition to other costs, \$1 as an administrative cost associated with collecting a toll or charge for each event of

1 nonpayment of a required toll or charge imposed under Section
2 284.069.

3 (b) Money collected under Subsection (a) shall be deposited
4 in the county treasury in a special fund to be administered by the
5 county attorney. Expenditures from the fund shall be at the sole
6 discretion of the attorney and may be used only to defray the
7 salaries and expenses of the attorney's office, but in no event may
8 the county attorney supplement his or her own salary from the fund.

9 (b) Sections 284.208(d) and (e), Transportation Code, are
10 repealed.

11 (c) The change in law made by this section applies only to an
12 event of nonpayment of a required toll or charge occurring on or
13 after the effective date of this section. An event of nonpayment of
14 a required toll or charge occurring before the effective date of
15 this section is covered by the law in effect when the event
16 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
17 purpose.

18 (d) This section takes effect September 1, 2005.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1672 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1672 on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1672 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor