

Amend CSSB 1951 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 43.120, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (d) and (f) and adding Subsections (d-1), (d-2), and (g) to read as follows:

(d) The commissioners courts of Culberson and Hudspeth counties shall each pay to El Paso County the budgeted prosecution costs, which may not exceed a total of \$90,000 for Culberson and Hudspeth counties per fiscal year [~~\$100 a month to be expended, on sworn claims of the district attorney approved by the Commissioners Court of El Paso County~~], for the preparation and conduct of criminal affairs of the district attorney's office, including compensation for assistants and other employees of the district attorney, applicable to their respective county. Each year the district attorney's office shall:

(1) prepare a budget and financial statement for the upcoming fiscal year; and

(2) file the budget and financial statement with the commissioners courts of Hudspeth and Culberson counties.

(d-1) The budget and financial statement required by Subsection (d) must contain:

(1) the budgeted prosecution costs for Culberson and Hudspeth counties, with the costs for each county listed separately; and

(2) any additional information considered appropriate by the district attorney or required by the commissioners court of Culberson or Hudspeth County.

(d-2) Hudspeth and Culberson counties shall remit one-fourth of the budgeted prosecution costs applicable to the respective county to El Paso County not later than the last day of each fiscal quarter.

(f) El Paso County is responsible for managing the funds expended by the district attorney for the preparation and conduct of criminal affairs of the district attorney's office, including funds to compensate assistants and other employees of the district attorney. Hudspeth and Culberson counties shall remit one-fourth

of the budgeted funds to El Paso County not later than the last day of each fiscal quarter. [The assistants and other employees of the district attorney are compensated by the Commissioners Court of El Paso County.] The Commissioners Court of El Paso County must approve the number of assistants and other employees appointed by the district attorney and the amount of compensation of those employees.

(g) Nothing in this section prevents El Paso County from entering into an interlocal agreement with Culberson or Hudspeth County in lieu of budgeting costs as provided by this section or Section 140.003, Local Government Code. An interlocal agreement under this subsection may not exceed \$90,000 per fiscal year.

(b) This section takes effect October 1, 2007.