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H.B. No. 1204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.003, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Each prospective juror reporting for jury service shall be personally provided a form letter that when signed by the prospective juror directs the county treasurer to donate all, or a specific amount designated by the prospective juror, of the prospective juror's daily reimbursement for jury service to:

(1) the compensation to victims of crime fund under Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) the child welfare board of the county appointed under Section 264.005, Family Code;

(3) any program selected by the commissioners court that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence; or

(4) any other program approved by the commissioners court of the county.

(a-1) The form letter provided under Subsection (a) must include a blank in which a prospective juror may enter the amount of the daily reimbursement the juror wishes to donate.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to donations from jurors appearing in response to a summons issued
3 on or after the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.