

1-1 By: Heflin, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1631
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 4, 2007;
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Coastal Resources; May 11, 2007,
1-5 reported favorably from Committee on Natural Resources by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and
1-10 animals.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. (a) The office of inspector of hides and
1-13 animals is abolished.

1-14 (b) Any records in the custody of an inspector of hides and
1-15 animals are transferred to the county clerk of the county
1-16 previously served by the inspector.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to
1-18 read as follows:

1-19 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

- 1-20 (1) county judge;
- 1-21 (2) judge, county court at law;
- 1-22 (3) judge, county criminal court;
- 1-23 (4) judge, county probate court;
- 1-24 (5) county attorney;
- 1-25 (6) district clerk;
- 1-26 (7) district and county clerk;
- 1-27 (8) county clerk;
- 1-28 (9) sheriff;
- 1-29 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;
- 1-30 (11) county tax assessor-collector;
- 1-31 (12) county treasurer;
- 1-32 (13) county school trustee (county with population of
1-33 3.3 million or more);
- 1-34 (14) county surveyor[+];
- 1-35 [~~(15) inspector of hides and animals~~].

1-36 SECTION 3. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-37 read as follows:

1-38 (a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the
1-39 general primary election is as follows:

1-40	(1) United States senator	\$5,000
1-41	(2) office elected statewide, except United States	
1-42	senator	3,750
1-43	(3) United States representative	3,125
1-44	(4) state senator	1,250
1-45	(5) state representative	750
1-46	(6) member, State Board of Education	300
1-47	(7) chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other	
1-48	than a justice specified by Subdivision (8)	1,875
1-49	(8) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals	
1-50	that serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a	
1-51	population of more than 750,000 is wholly or partly	
1-52	situated	2,500
1-53	(9) district judge or judge specified by Section	
1-54	52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a	
1-55	fee	1,500
1-56	(10) district or criminal district judge of a court in	
1-57	a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population	
1-58	of more than 850,000	2,500
1-59	(11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge	
1-60	specified by Subdivision (12)	1,500
1-61	(12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with	
1-62	a population of more than 850,000	2,500
1-63	(13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,	
1-64	or county attorney performing the duties of a district	

2-1 attorney 1,250
2-2 (14) county commissioner, district clerk, county
2-3 clerk, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer,
2-4 or judge, constitutional county court:
2-5 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
2-6 more 1,250
2-7 (B) county with a population of under
2-8 200,000 750
2-9 (15) justice of the peace or constable:
2-10 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
2-11 more 1,000
2-12 (B) county with a population of under
2-13 200,000 375
2-14 (16) county surveyor [~~inspector of hides and~~
2-15 ~~animals,~~] or public weigher 75
2-16 (17) office of the county government for which this
2-17 schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee 750

2-18 SECTION 4. Section 87.012, Local Government Code, is
2-19 amended to read as follows:

2-20 Sec. 87.012. OFFICERS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL. The district
2-21 judge may, under this subchapter, remove from office:

- 2-22 (1) a district attorney;
- 2-23 (2) a county attorney;
- 2-24 (3) a county judge;
- 2-25 (4) a county commissioner;
- 2-26 (5) a county clerk;
- 2-27 (6) a district clerk;
- 2-28 (7) a district and county clerk;
- 2-29 (8) a county treasurer;
- 2-30 (9) a sheriff;
- 2-31 (10) a county surveyor;
- 2-32 (11) a county tax assessor-collector;
- 2-33 (12) a constable;
- 2-34 (13) [~~an inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 2-35 [~~(14)~~] a justice of the peace; and
- 2-36 (14) [~~(15)~~] a county officer, not otherwise named by

2-37 this section, whose office is created under the constitution or
2-38 other law of this state.

2-39 SECTION 5. Section 87.041(a), Local Government Code, is
2-40 amended to read as follows:

2-41 (a) The commissioners court of a county may fill a vacancy
2-42 in the office of:

- 2-43 (1) county judge;
- 2-44 (2) county clerk;
- 2-45 (3) district and county clerk;
- 2-46 (4) sheriff;
- 2-47 (5) county attorney;
- 2-48 (6) county treasurer;
- 2-49 (7) county surveyor;
- 2-50 (8) [~~inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 2-51 [~~(9)~~] county tax assessor-collector;
- 2-52 (9) [~~(10)~~] justice of the peace; or
- 2-53 (10) [~~(11)~~] constable.

2-54 SECTION 6. Sections 148.044, 148.067, and 148.068,
2-55 Agriculture Code, are repealed.

2-56 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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