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H.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing a county to hold a nonbinding referendum on a county fiscal matter.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 130, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 130.910 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.910. NONBINDING REFERENDUM ON COUNTY FISCAL MATTER. (a) The commissioners court of a county may hold a nonbinding referendum in the county on any question affecting a county fiscal matter other than a matter involving:

(1) a labor agreement; or

(2) compensation of any county employee.

(b) The referendum shall be held in the same manner as an election on a county measure and must take place on an election date authorized by Section 41.001, Election Code.

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