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H.B. No. 2227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to emergency appropriations for costs associated with the  
3 special constitutional amendment election.

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

5 SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR COSTS OF SPECIAL  
6 ELECTION. In addition to the amounts previously appropriated for  
7 the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, the amount of \$15  
8 million is appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the  
9 Secretary of State for the purpose of reimbursing each county in  
10 this state for the expenses incurred in conducting a special  
11 state-mandated election to be held on May 12, 2007, on the  
12 constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to adjust the  
13 school property tax limitation on the residence homesteads of  
14 persons who are 65-years-old and older or disabled. In the event  
15 the actual costs exceed the amount appropriated herein, the  
16 Secretary of State shall request that the Legislative Budget Board  
17 and the Governor fulfill the state's financial obligation to the  
18 counties through budget execution authority under Chapter 317,  
19 Government Code.

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
21 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
22 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
23 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
24 immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the

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1 last day of the legislative session.