

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 1379  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2007; March 20, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 26, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 26, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1379 By: Nichols

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to reimbursements made to El Paso County by Culberson and  
1-11 Hudspeth Counties for certain costs.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 43.120, Government Code, is amended by  
1-14 amending Subsections (d) and (f) and adding Subsections (d-1) and  
1-15 (d-2) to read as follows:

1-16 (d) The commissioners courts of Culberson and Hudspeth  
1-17 counties shall each pay to El Paso County the budgeted prosecution  
1-18 costs [~~\$100 a month to be expended, on sworn claims of the district~~  
1-19 ~~attorney approved by the Commissioners Court of El Paso County,~~]  
1-20 for the preparation and conduct of criminal affairs of the district  
1-21 attorney's office, including compensation for assistants and other  
1-22 employees of the district attorney, applicable to their respective  
1-23 county. Each year the district attorney's office shall:

1-24 (1) prepare a budget and financial statement for the  
1-25 upcoming fiscal year; and

1-26 (2) file the budget and financial statement with the  
1-27 commissioners courts of Hudspeth and Culberson counties.

1-28 (d-1) The budget and financial statement required by  
1-29 Subsection (d) must contain:

1-30 (1) the budgeted prosecution costs for El Paso,  
1-31 Culberson, and Hudspeth counties, with the costs for each county  
1-32 listed separately; and

1-33 (2) any additional information considered appropriate  
1-34 by the district attorney or required by the commissioners court of  
1-35 El Paso, Culberson, or Hudspeth County.

1-36 (d-2) Hudspeth and Culberson counties shall remit  
1-37 one-fourth of the budgeted prosecution costs applicable to the  
1-38 respective county to El Paso County not later than the last day of  
1-39 each fiscal quarter.

1-40 (f) El Paso County is responsible for managing the funds  
1-41 expended by the district attorney for the preparation and conduct  
1-42 of criminal affairs of the district attorney's office, including  
1-43 funds to compensate assistants and other employees of the district  
1-44 attorney. [The assistants and other employees of the district  
1-45 attorney are compensated by the Commissioners Court of El Paso  
1-46 County.] The Commissioners Court of El Paso County must approve the  
1-47 number of assistants and other employees appointed by the district  
1-48 attorney and the amount of compensation of those employees.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.

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