By: Lucio S.B. No. 1814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the creation of the office of district attorney for
- 3 Kenedy and Kleberg Counties and the district attorney for the 105th
- 4 Judicial District.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 43.148, Government Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 43.148. 105TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. (a) The voters of
- 9 Nueces County [the 105th Judicial District] elect a district
- 10 attorney for the 105th Judicial District who[. The district
- 11 attorney] has the same powers and duties as other district
- 12 attorneys and serves all the district, county, and justice courts
- 13 of Nueces County [and the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy
- 14 counties].
- 15 (b) The district attorney shall attend each term and session
- of the district, county, and justice courts of Nueces County [and
- 17 the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy counties] and shall
- 18 represent the state in criminal cases pending in those courts. The
- 19 district attorney has control of any case heard on petition of writ
- 20 of habeas corpus before any district or inferior court in the
- 21 district.
- (c) The commissioners court [courts] of Nueces County [the
- 23 counties comprising the district may supplement the state salary
- 24 of the district attorney. The amount of the supplement may not

- 1 exceed \$12,000 a year. [The supplemental salary must be paid
- 2 proportionately by the commissioners court of each county according
- 3 to the population of the county.] The supplemental salary may be
- 4 paid from the officers' salary fund of $\frac{1}{2}$ [a] county. If that fund
- 5 is inadequate, the commissioners court may transfer the necessary
- 6 funds from the general fund of the county.
- 7 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Government Code, is
- 8 amended by adding Section 43.182 to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 43.182. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR KLEBERG AND KENEDY
- 10 <u>COUNTIES</u>. (a) The voters of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties elect a
- 11 district attorney. The district attorney has the same powers and
- 12 duties as other district attorneys and serves the district courts
- of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties.
- 14 (b) The district attorney shall attend each term and session
- of the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties and shall
- 16 represent the state in criminal cases pending in those courts. The
- 17 <u>district attorney has control of any case heard on petition of writ</u>
- 18 of habeas corpus before any district or inferior court in the
- 19 district.
- 20 (c) The commissioners courts of the counties comprising the
- 21 district may supplement the state salary of the district attorney.
- 22 The amount of the supplement may not exceed \$12,000 a year. The
- 23 supplemental salary must be paid proportionately by the
- 24 commissioners court of each county according to the population of
- 25 the county. The supplemental salary may be paid from the officers'
- 26 salary fund of a county. If that fund is inadequate, the
- 27 commissioners court may transfer the necessary funds from the

1 general fund of the county.

- 2 SECTION 3. Section 46.002, Government Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 46.002. PROSECUTORS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER. This chapter
- 5 applies to all county prosecutors and to the following state
- 6 prosecutors:
- 7 (1) the district attorneys for Kenedy and Kleberg
- 8 <u>Counties and</u> for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st, 23rd,
- 9 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th,
- 10 42nd, 43rd, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th, 66th,
- 11 69th, 70th, 76th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 100th,
- 12 105th, 106th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd, 145th,
- 13 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th, 235th,
- 14 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th, 268th, 271st, 278th, 286th, 329th,
- 15 349th, and 355th judicial districts;
- 16 (2) the criminal district attorneys for the counties
- 17 of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell,
- 18 Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland,
- 19 Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper,
- 20 Jefferson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison, Navarro, Newton,
- 21 Panola, Polk, Randall, Rockwall, San Jacinto, Smith, Tarrant,
- 22 Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller,
- Wichita, Wood, and Yoakum; and
- 24 (3) the county attorneys performing the duties of
- 25 district attorneys in the counties of Andrews, Callahan, Cameron,
- 26 Castro, Colorado, Crosby, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Lamar,
- 27 Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Marion, Milam, Morris, Ochiltree,

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- 1 Orange, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Terry, Webb, and
- 2 Willacy.
- 3 SECTION 4. Effective January 1, 2009, Section 46.002,
- 4 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
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- 6 applies to all county prosecutors and to the following state
- 7 prosecutors:
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- 9 Counties and for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st, 23rd,
- 10 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th,
- 11 42nd, 43rd, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th, 66th,
- 12 69th, 70th, 76th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 100th,
- 13 105th, 106th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd, 145th,
- 14 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th, 235th,
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- 3 Willacy.
- 4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.