

By: Lucio

S.B. No. 1814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of the office of district attorney for
3 Kenedy and Kleberg Counties and the district attorney for Nueces
4 County.

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. NUECES COUNTY [~~105TH JUDICIAL~~] DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEY. (a) The voters of Nueces County [~~the 105th Judicial~~
10 ~~District~~] elect a district attorney. The district attorney has the
11 same powers and duties as other district attorneys and serves all
12 the district, county, and justice courts of Nueces County [~~and the~~
13 ~~district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy counties~~].

14 (b) The district attorney shall attend each term and session
15 of the district, county, and justice courts of Nueces County [~~and~~
16 ~~the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy counties~~] and shall
17 represent the state in criminal cases pending in those courts. The
18 district attorney has control of any case heard on petition of writ
19 of habeas corpus before any district or inferior court in the
20 district.

21 (c) The commissioners court [~~courts~~] of Nueces County [~~the~~
22 ~~counties comprising the district~~] may supplement the state salary
23 of the district attorney. The amount of the supplement may not
24 exceed \$12,000 a year. [~~The supplemental salary must be paid~~

1 ~~proportionately by the commissioners court of each county according~~
2 ~~to the population of the county.]~~ The supplemental salary may be
3 paid from the officers' salary fund of the [a] county. If that fund
4 is inadequate, the commissioners court may transfer the necessary
5 funds from the general fund of the county.

6 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 43.182 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 43.182. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR KLEBERG AND KENEDY
9 COUNTIES. (a) The voters of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties elect a
10 district attorney. The district attorney has the same powers and
11 duties as other district attorneys and serves the district courts
12 of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties.

13 (b) The district attorney shall attend each term and session
14 of the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy Counties and shall
15 represent the state in criminal cases pending in those courts. The
16 district attorney has control of any case heard on petition of writ
17 of habeas corpus before any district or inferior court in the
18 district.

19 (c) The commissioners courts of the counties comprising the
20 district may supplement the state salary of the district attorney.
21 The amount of the supplement may not exceed \$12,000 a year. The
22 supplemental salary must be paid proportionately by the
23 commissioners court of each county according to the population of
24 the county. The supplemental salary may be paid from the officers'
25 salary fund of a county. If that fund is inadequate, the
26 commissioners court may transfer the necessary funds from the
27 general fund of the county.

1 SECTION 3. Section 46.002, Government Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 46.002. PROSECUTORS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER. This chapter
4 applies to all county prosecutors and to the following state
5 prosecutors:

6 (1) the district attorneys for Kenedy, Kleberg, and
7 Nueces Counties and for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st,
8 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th,
9 38th, 42nd, 43rd, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th,
10 66th, 69th, 70th, 76th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th,
11 100th, [~~105th,~~] 106th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd,
12 145th, 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th,
13 235th, 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th, 268th, 271st, 278th, 286th,
14 329th, 349th, and 355th judicial districts;

15 (2) the criminal district attorneys for the counties
16 of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell,
17 Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland,
18 Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper,
19 Jefferson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison, Navarro, Newton,
20 Panola, Polk, Randall, Rockwall, San Jacinto, Smith, Tarrant,
21 Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller,
22 Wichita, Wood, and Yoakum; and

23 (3) the county attorneys performing the duties of
24 district attorneys in the counties of Andrews, Callahan, Cameron,
25 Castro, Colorado, Crosby, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Lamar,
26 Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Marion, Milam, Morris, Ochiltree,
27 Orange, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Terry, Webb, and

1 Willacy.

2 SECTION 4. Effective January 1, 2009, Section 46.002,
3 Government Code, is amended to 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, Kleberg, and
8 Nueces Counties and for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st,
9 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th,
10 38th, 42nd, 43rd, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th,
11 66th, 69th, 70th, 76th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th,
12 100th, [~~105th,~~] 106th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd,
13 145th, 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th,
14 235th, 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th, 268th, 271st, 278th, 286th,
15 329th, 344th, 349th, and 355th judicial districts;

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17 of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell,
18 Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland,
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20 Jefferson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison, Navarro, Newton,
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3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.