

Amend SB 408 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 821.025(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An owner divested of ownership of an animal under Section 821.023 [~~ordered sold at public auction as provided in this subchapter~~] may appeal the order to a county court or county court at law in the county in which the justice or municipal court is located. As a condition of perfecting an appeal, the owner must file an appeal bond in an amount determined by the [~~justice or municipal~~] court from which the appeal is taken to be adequate to cover the estimated expenses incurred in housing and caring for the impounded animal during the appeal process. [~~The decision of the county court or county court at law may not be further appealed. An owner may not appeal an order.~~

~~[(1) to give the animal to a nonprofit animal shelter, pound, or society for the protection of animals; or~~

~~[(2) to humanely destroy the animal.]~~

(b) Section 821.025(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this section, applies only to an appeal of a court order made on or after the effective date of this Act. An appeal of a court order made before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the appeal was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.