BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires county officers, including county commissioners, to record when fees, commissions, or costs are earned and received. The law is impractical for large counties because it requires commissioners to personally sign for the receipt of these funds.

S.B. 1554 amends current law relating to the authority of officers in certain counties to designate a person to receive fees, commissions, or costs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 114.001(a), Local Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires that each report required under this subtitle be made in writing and be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths by the officer making the report or by a person designated by the officer to receive fees, commissions, or costs under Section 114.041(b).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 114.041(b), Local Government Code, as follows:

(b) Authorizes the officer to designate a person to receive the money as fees, commissions, or costs on behalf of the officer under this subsection. Requires the officer or a person designated by the officer to receive the fees, commissions, or costs to make an entry in the record when the fees, commissions, or costs are earned and when they are received.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.