

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1554
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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.

As proposed, S.B. 1554 allows a district, county, or precinct officer in a county with a population of more than 190,000 to delegate responsibility for the receipt of fees, commissions, and costs and for signing the required reports.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

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). Makes a nonsubstantive change.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009