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H.B. No. 328

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and  
3 animals.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) The office of inspector of hides and  
6 animals is abolished.

7 (b) Any records in the custody of an inspector of hides and  
8 animals are transferred to the county clerk of the county  
9 previously served by the inspector.

10 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

- 13 (1) county judge;
- 14 (2) judge, county court at law;
- 15 (3) judge, county criminal court;
- 16 (4) judge, county probate court;
- 17 (5) county attorney;
- 18 (6) district clerk;
- 19 (7) district and county clerk;
- 20 (8) county clerk;
- 21 (9) sheriff;
- 22 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;
- 23 (11) county tax assessor-collector;
- 24 (12) county treasurer;

1 (13) county school trustee (county with population of  
2 3.3 million or more);

3 (14) county surveyor[+  
4 [~~(15) inspector of hides and animals~~].

5 SECTION 3. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the  
8 general primary election is as follows:

- 9 (1) United States senator . . . . . \$5,000
- 10 (2) office elected statewide, except United States  
11 senator . . . . . 3,750
- 12 (3) United States representative . . . . . 3,125
- 13 (4) state senator . . . . . 1,250
- 14 (5) state representative . . . . . 750
- 15 (6) member, State Board of Education . . . . . 300
- 16 (7) chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other  
17 than a justice specified by Subdivision (8) . . . . . 1,875
- 18 (8) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals  
19 that serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a  
20 population of more than 750,000 is wholly or partly  
21 situated . . . . . 2,500
- 22 (9) district judge or judge specified by Section  
23 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a  
24 fee . . . . . 1,500
- 25 (10) district or criminal district judge of a court in  
26 a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population  
27 of more than 850,000 . . . . . 2,500

- 1           (11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge
- 2 specified by Subdivision (12) . . . . . 1,500
- 3           (12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with
- 4 a population of more than 850,000 . . . . . 2,500
- 5           (13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,
- 6 or county attorney performing the duties of a district
- 7 attorney . . . . . 1,250
- 8           (14) county commissioner, district clerk, county
- 9 clerk, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer,
- 10 or judge, constitutional county court:
- 11                 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
- 12 more . . . . . 1,250
- 13                 (B) county with a population of under
- 14 200,000 . . . . . 750
- 15           (15) justice of the peace or constable:
- 16                 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
- 17 more . . . . . 1,000
- 18                 (B) county with a population of under
- 19 200,000 . . . . . 375
- 20           (16) county surveyor [~~inspector of hides and~~
- 21 ~~animals,~~] or public weigher . . . . . 75
- 22           (17) office of the county government for which this
- 23 schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee . . . . . 750

24           SECTION 4. Section 87.012, Local Government Code, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26           Sec. 87.012. OFFICERS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL. The district  
27 judge may, under this subchapter, remove from office:

- 1 (1) a district attorney;
- 2 (2) a county attorney;
- 3 (3) a county judge;
- 4 (4) a county commissioner;
- 5 (5) a county clerk;
- 6 (6) a district clerk;
- 7 (7) a district and county clerk;
- 8 (8) a county treasurer;
- 9 (9) a sheriff;
- 10 (10) a county surveyor;
- 11 (11) a county tax assessor-collector;
- 12 (12) a constable;
- 13 (13) ~~[an inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 14 ~~[(14)]~~ a justice of the peace; and
- 15 (14) ~~[(15)]~~ a county officer, not otherwise named by
- 16 this section, whose office is created under the constitution or
- 17 other law of this state.

18 SECTION 5. Section 87.041(a), Local Government Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (a) The commissioners court of a county may fill a vacancy  
21 in the office of:

- 22 (1) county judge;
- 23 (2) county clerk;
- 24 (3) district and county clerk;
- 25 (4) sheriff;
- 26 (5) county attorney;
- 27 (6) county treasurer;

- 1           (7) county surveyor;
- 2           (8) [~~inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 3           ~~(9)~~] county tax assessor-collector;
- 4           (9) [~~(10)~~] justice of the peace; or
- 5           (10) [~~(11)~~] constable.

6           SECTION 6. Sections 148.044, 148.067, and 148.068,

7 Agriculture Code, are repealed.

8           SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.