

1-1 By: Heflin (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 328  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 8, 2009;  
1-3 April 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 4, 2009, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 4, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and  
1-9 animals.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. (a) The office of inspector of hides and  
1-12 animals is abolished.

1-13 (b) Any records in the custody of an inspector of hides and  
1-14 animals are transferred to the county clerk of the county  
1-15 previously served by the inspector.

1-16 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to  
1-17 read as follows:

1-18 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

- 1-19 (1) county judge;
- 1-20 (2) judge, county court at law;
- 1-21 (3) judge, county criminal court;
- 1-22 (4) judge, county probate court;
- 1-23 (5) county attorney;
- 1-24 (6) district clerk;
- 1-25 (7) district and county clerk;
- 1-26 (8) county clerk;
- 1-27 (9) sheriff;
- 1-28 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;
- 1-29 (11) county tax assessor-collector;
- 1-30 (12) county treasurer;
- 1-31 (13) county school trustee (county with population of  
1-32 3.3 million or more);
- 1-33 (14) county surveyor[+];
- 1-34 [~~(15) inspector of hides and animals~~].

1-35 SECTION 3. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to  
1-36 read as follows:

1-37 (a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the  
1-38 general primary election is as follows:

1-39	(1) United States senator . . . . .	\$5,000
1-40	(2) office elected statewide, except United States	
1-41	senator . . . . .	3,750
1-42	(3) United States representative . . . . .	3,125
1-43	(4) state senator . . . . .	1,250
1-44	(5) state representative . . . . .	750
1-45	(6) member, State Board of Education . . . . .	300
1-46	(7) chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other	
1-47	than a justice specified by Subdivision (8) . . . . .	1,875
1-48	(8) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals	
1-49	that serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a	
1-50	population of more than 750,000 is wholly or partly	
1-51	situated . . . . .	2,500
1-52	(9) district judge or judge specified by Section	
1-53	52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a	
1-54	fee . . . . .	1,500
1-55	(10) district or criminal district judge of a court in	
1-56	a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population	
1-57	of more than 850,000 . . . . .	2,500
1-58	(11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge	
1-59	specified by Subdivision (12) . . . . .	1,500
1-60	(12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with	
1-61	a population of more than 850,000 . . . . .	2,500
1-62	(13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,	
1-63	or county attorney performing the duties of a district	
1-64	attorney . . . . .	1,250

- 2-1 (14) county commissioner, district clerk, county
- 2-2 clerk, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer,
- 2-3 or judge, constitutional county court:
- 2-4 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
- 2-5 more . . . . . 1,250
- 2-6 (B) county with a population of under
- 2-7 200,000 . . . . . 750
- 2-8 (15) justice of the peace or constable:
- 2-9 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or
- 2-10 more . . . . . 1,000
- 2-11 (B) county with a population of under
- 2-12 200,000 . . . . . 375
- 2-13 (16) county surveyor [~~inspector of hides and~~
- 2-14 ~~animals,~~] or public weigher . . . . . 75
- 2-15 (17) office of the county government for which this
- 2-16 schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee . . . . . 750

2-17 SECTION 4. Section 87.012, Local Government Code, is

2-18 amended to read as follows:

2-19 Sec. 87.012. OFFICERS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL. The district

2-20 judge may, under this subchapter, remove from office:

- 2-21 (1) a district attorney;
- 2-22 (2) a county attorney;
- 2-23 (3) a county judge;
- 2-24 (4) a county commissioner;
- 2-25 (5) a county clerk;
- 2-26 (6) a district clerk;
- 2-27 (7) a district and county clerk;
- 2-28 (8) a county treasurer;
- 2-29 (9) a sheriff;
- 2-30 (10) a county surveyor;
- 2-31 (11) a county tax assessor-collector;
- 2-32 (12) a constable;
- 2-33 (13) [~~an inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 2-34 [~~(14)~~] a justice of the peace; and
- 2-35 (14) [~~(15)~~] a county officer, not otherwise named by

2-36 this section, whose office is created under the constitution or

2-37 other law of this state.

2-38 SECTION 5. Section 87.041(a), Local Government Code, is

2-39 amended to read as follows:

2-40 (a) The commissioners court of a county may fill a vacancy

2-41 in the office of:

- 2-42 (1) county judge;
- 2-43 (2) county clerk;
- 2-44 (3) district and county clerk;
- 2-45 (4) sheriff;
- 2-46 (5) county attorney;
- 2-47 (6) county treasurer;
- 2-48 (7) county surveyor;
- 2-49 (8) [~~inspector of hides and animals,~~
- 2-50 [~~(9)~~] county tax assessor-collector;
- 2-51 (9) [~~(10)~~] justice of the peace; or
- 2-52 (10) [~~(11)~~] constable.

2-53 SECTION 6. Sections 148.044, 148.067, and 148.068,

2-54 Agriculture Code, are repealed.

2-55 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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