

AN ACT

relating to the payment of a vehicle registration fee by a check drawn against insufficient funds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.181(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county assessor-collector who receives from any person a check or draft drawn on a bank or trust company in payment of a registration fee for a registration year that has not ended on a motor vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle sidecar that is returned unpaid because of insufficient funds or no funds in the bank or trust company to the credit of the drawer of the check or draft shall ~~immediately~~ certify the fact to the sheriff or a constable or highway patrol officer in the county after attempts to contact the person fail to result in the collection of payment. The certification must be made before the 30th day after the date the check or draft is returned unpaid and:

(1) be under the assessor-collector's official seal;

(2) include the name and address of the person who gave the assessor-collector the check or draft;

(3) include the license plate number and make of the vehicle; ~~and~~

(4) be accompanied by the check or draft; and

(5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to

1 contact the person and collect payment.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to a payment of a registration fee submitted to a county
4 assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. A
5 payment submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed
6 by the law in effect on the date the payment was submitted, and the
7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2186 was passed by the House on April 22, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2186 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor