

AN ACT

relating to the delegation of duties of a county judge in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 81.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.029. DELEGATION OF DUTIES OF A COUNTY JUDGE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county judge in a county that has a population of more than 600,000 and is located on the international border.

(b) A county judge may file an order with the commissioners court of the county delegating to a county commissioner of the commissioners court the ability to sign orders or other official documents associated with the county judge's office. The delegating order must clearly indicate the types of orders or official documents that the county commissioner may sign on behalf of the county judge.

(c) A county judge may file a standing order of emergency delegation of authority that clearly indicates the types of orders or official documents that the county commissioner may sign on behalf of the county judge in the event of an emergency or disaster.

(d) An order or official document signed by the county commissioner under the delegated authority of the county judge under this section has the same effect as an order of the county

1 judge.

2 (e) The county judge may at any time revoke the delegated
3 authority or transfer the authority to a different county
4 commissioner by filing an order with the commissioners court.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2835 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. 2835 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor