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H.B. No. 2835

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2835:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the delegation of duties of a county judge in certain
3 counties.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (d) An order or official document signed by the county
23 commissioner under the delegated authority of the county judge
24 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.