

1-1 By: Marquez (Senate Sponsor - Shapleigh) H.B. No. 2835  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;  
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2009, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the delegation of duties of a county judge in certain  
1-9 counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Local Government Code,  
1-12 is amended by adding Section 81.029 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 81.029. DELEGATION OF DUTIES OF A COUNTY JUDGE IN  
1-14 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county judge  
1-15 in a county that has a population of more than 600,000 and is  
1-16 located on the international border.

1-17 (b) A county judge may file an order with the commissioners  
1-18 court of the county delegating to a county commissioner of the  
1-19 commissioners court the ability to sign orders or other official  
1-20 documents associated with the county judge's office. The  
1-21 delegating order must clearly indicate the types of orders or  
1-22 official documents that the county commissioner may sign on behalf  
1-23 of the county judge.

1-24 (c) A county judge may file a standing order of emergency  
1-25 delegation of authority that clearly indicates the types of orders  
1-26 or official documents that the county commissioner may sign on  
1-27 behalf of the county judge in the event of an emergency or disaster.

1-28 (d) An order or official document signed by the county  
1-29 commissioner under the delegated authority of the county judge  
1-30 under this section has the same effect as an order of the county  
1-31 judge.

1-32 (e) The county judge may at any time revoke the delegated  
1-33 authority or transfer the authority to a different county  
1-34 commissioner by filing an order with the commissioners court.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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