

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 571  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2009; February 23, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
1-4 Services; March 30, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 30, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to a crematory establishment's authority to accept for  
1-9 cremation unidentified human remains.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 716.101, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 716.101. UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS. (a) Except as  
1-14 provided by Subsection (b), a [A] crematory establishment may not  
1-15 accept for cremation unidentified human remains.

1-16 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a  
1-17 crematory establishment may accept for cremation unidentified  
1-18 human remains from a county on the order of:

1-19 (1) the county commissioners court; or

1-20 (2) a court located in the county.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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