

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 1112
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2009; March 13, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Flooding and
1-4 Evacuations; May 1, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute from Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
1-6 by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 1, 2009, sent to
1-7 printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1112 By: Nichols

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the provision of money from a county's general fund to
1-12 disaster victims.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 130, Local Government
1-15 Code, is amended by adding Section 130.910 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 130.910. AID TO DISASTER VICTIMS. (a) Subject to
1-17 Subsection (b), the commissioners court of a county may provide
1-18 money from the general fund of the county to individual residents of
1-19 the county who are adversely affected by a disaster for which the
1-20 county judge declared a local state of disaster under Section
1-21 418.108, Government Code.

1-22 (b) A county may not provide assistance to an individual
1-23 under this section until the commissioners court of the county:

1-24 (1) has implemented policies and procedures to ensure
1-25 that money granted under this section is used for the public purpose
1-26 of providing disaster relief for emergency food, shelter,
1-27 transportation, or other items or services necessary for public
1-28 health and safety; and

1-29 (2) has determined that financial assistance from
1-30 other sources, including this state and the federal government, is
1-31 unavailable or inadequate.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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