

By: Gallegos

S.B. No. 1554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of officers in certain counties to designate a person to receive fees, commissions, or costs.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 114.001, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each report required under this subtitle must be made in writing and must be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths by the officer making the report or by a person designated by the officer to receive fees, commissions, or costs under Section 114.041(b) [~~before an officer authorized to administer oaths~~].

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 114.041, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In a county with a population of more than 190,000, a district, county, or precinct officer shall keep, as part of a record provided for the purpose by the proper county authorities, a statement of the amounts earned by the officer and of the money received by the officer as fees, commissions, or costs. The officer may designate a person to receive the money as fees, commissions, or costs on behalf of the officer under this subsection. The officer or a person designated by the officer to receive the fees, commissions, or costs must make an entry in the record when the fees, commissions, or costs are earned and when they are received.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.