

1-1 By: Gallegos S.B. No. 1554  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 17, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; April 17, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the authority of officers in certain counties to  
1-9 designate a person to receive fees, commissions, or costs.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 114.001, Local  
1-12 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) Each report required under this subtitle must be made in  
1-14 writing and must be sworn to before an officer authorized to  
1-15 administer oaths by the officer making the report or by a person  
1-16 designated by the officer to receive fees, commissions, or costs  
1-17 under Section 114.041(b) [~~before an officer authorized to~~  
1-18 ~~administer oaths~~].

1-19 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 114.041, Local  
1-20 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-21 (b) In a county with a population of more than 190,000, a  
1-22 district, county, or precinct officer shall keep, as part of a  
1-23 record provided for the purpose by the proper county authorities, a  
1-24 statement of the amounts earned by the officer and of the money  
1-25 received by the officer as fees, commissions, or costs. The officer  
1-26 may designate a person to receive the money as fees, commissions, or  
1-27 costs on behalf of the officer under this subsection. The officer  
1-28 or a person designated by the officer to receive the fees,  
1-29 commissions, or costs must make an entry in the record when the  
1-30 fees, commissions, or costs are earned and when they are received.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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