

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1675  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 24, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 24, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1675 By: Hinojosa

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 61.003, Government Code,  
1-13 as amended by Chapters 661 (H.B. 1204) and 1378 (S.B. 560), Acts of  
1-14 the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted and  
1-15 amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) Each person who reports for jury service shall be  
1-17 personally provided a form letter that when signed by the person  
1-18 directs the county treasurer to donate all, or a specific amount  
1-19 designated by the person, of the person's daily reimbursement under  
1-20 this chapter to:

1-21 (1) the compensation to victims of crime fund under  
1-22 Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;

1-23 (2) the child welfare, child protective services, or  
1-24 child services board of the county appointed under Section 264.005,  
1-25 Family Code, that serves abused and neglected children;

1-26 (3) any program selected by the commissioners court  
1-27 that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and  
1-28 that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence;  
1-29 or

1-30 (4) any other program approved by the commissioners  
1-31 court of the county, including a program established under Article  
1-32 56.04(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, that offers psychological  
1-33 counseling to jurors in criminal cases involving graphic evidence  
1-34 or testimony.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 61.003, Government Code, is amended by  
1-36 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

1-37 (a-2) The form letter provided under Subsection (a) must  
1-38 contain a brief description of the programs designated for donation  
1-39 under that subsection.

1-40 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-41 to donations from jurors appearing in response to a summons issued  
1-42 on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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