

AN ACT

relating to the payment of state funds directly to an entity that conducts a primary election under contract in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 173, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 173.0832 to read as follows:

Sec. 173.0832. DIRECT REPAYMENT TO AUTHORITY CONDUCTING PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER CONTRACT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. On request of a county election officer of a county with a population of 100,000 or more who conducts a primary election under an election services contract authorized under Subchapter D, Chapter 31, the secretary of state may provide payment of primary expenses directly to the officer who incurs the expense rather than to the county chair under this subchapter. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1789 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 19, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1789 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor