Farias (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) 1-1 H.B. No. 1789 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011; May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 9, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 9, 2011, sent to printer.) 1**-**2 1**-**3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to the payment of state funds directly to an entity that 1-8 1-9 conducts a primary election under contract in certain counties. 1-10 1-11 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: 1-12 Sec. 173.0832. DIRECT REPAYMENT TO AUTHORITY CONDUCTING 1-13 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 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 contract authorized under Subchapter D, Chapter 31, the secretary 1-17 of state may provide payment of primary expenses directly to the 1-18 officer who incurs the expense rather than to the county chair under 1-19 this subchapter. The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011. 1-20 1-21 1-22

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