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H.B. No. 2076

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a municipality or county to contract
3 with a vendor for the collection of certain debts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 140.009 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 140.009. CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF DEBTS IN CIVIL
8 CASES. (a) The governing body of a municipality or the
9 commissioners court of a county may contract with a public or
10 private vendor for the collection of a debt owed to the municipality
11 or county relating to a civil case, including an unpaid fine, fee,
12 or court cost, if the debt is more than 60 days overdue.

13 (b) A municipality or county contracting with a vendor under
14 Subsection (a) may authorize a collection fee of not more than 30
15 percent of the amount of the debt collected. The collection fee may
16 be used only to compensate the vendor who collects the debt.

17 (c) This section does not apply to the collection of
18 commercial bail bonds.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.