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H.B. No. 2274

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring a municipality to pay for the expenses of an  
3 election contest for a person elected to the governing body of the  
4 municipality.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 221, Election Code, is amended by adding  
7 Section 221.0135 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 221.0135. EXPENSES OF CONTESTEE WHO IS ELECTED TO  
9 GOVERNING BODY OF CITY. A contestee who is elected to the governing  
10 body of a city is entitled to have the city pay the expenses of  
11 defending the election contest, including reasonable attorney's  
12 fees, court costs, and similar related expenses.

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