

1-1 By: Darby (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 2717
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;
1-3 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 4, 2011, rereferred to Committee
1-5 on Jurisprudence; May 19, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-7 May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2717 By: Rodriguez

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the duties and responsibilities of certain county
1-12 officials and the functions of county government.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 51.605(c), Government Code, is amended
1-15 to read as follows:

1-16 (c) A clerk must each year [~~annually~~] complete 20 hours of
1-17 continuing education courses. A clerk must, during the first year
1-18 of each term of office, complete:

1-19 (1) [~~including~~] at least one hour of continuing
1-20 education courses regarding registry funds handled under Chapter
1-21 117, Local Government Code, in the performance of the duties of
1-22 office; and

1-23 (2) [~~The 20 hours of required continuing education~~
1-24 ~~courses must include~~] at least one hour of continuing education
1-25 courses regarding fraudulent court documents and fraudulent
1-26 document filings.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 62.106(a), Government Code, is amended
1-28 to read as follows:

1-29 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may
1-30 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

1-31 (1) is over 70 years of age;

1-32 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 12 [~~15~~]
1-33 years of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving
1-34 the child without adequate supervision;

1-35 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary
1-36 school;

1-37 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an
1-38 institution of higher education;

1-39 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the
1-40 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,
1-41 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state
1-42 government;

1-43 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a
1-44 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan
1-45 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section
1-46 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit
1-47 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date
1-48 the person is to appear for jury service;

1-49 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is an
1-50 invalid unable to care for himself;

1-51 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned
1-52 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and
1-53 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the
1-54 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for
1-55 jury service; or

1-56 (9) is a member of the United States military forces
1-57 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the
1-58 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

1-59 SECTION 3. Section 191.0045, Health and Safety Code, is
1-60 amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (i) to
1-61 read as follows:

1-62 (h) In addition to other fees collected under this section,
1-63 a local registrar or county clerk may collect a fee not to exceed \$1

2-1 for:

2-2 (1) preserving [the preservation of] vital statistics

2-3 records maintained by the registrar or county clerk, including

2-4 birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and annulment

2-5 records;

2-6 (2) training registrar or county clerk employees

2-7 regarding vital statistics records; and

2-8 (3) ensuring the safety and security of vital

2-9 statistics records.

2-10 (i) A fee under this section shall be collected by the

2-11 registrar or county clerk on the issuance of a vital statistics

2-12 record, including a record issued through a Remote Birth Access

2-13 site.

2-14 SECTION 4. Section 132.002(a), Local Government Code, is

2-15 amended to read as follows:

2-16 (a) The commissioners court of a county may authorize a

2-17 county or precinct officer who collects fees, fines, court costs,

2-18 or other charges on behalf of the county or the state to accept

2-19 payment by credit card or electronic means of a fee, fine, court

2-20 costs, or other charge. The commissioners court may also authorize

2-21 a county or precinct officer to collect and retain a fee for

2-22 processing the payment by credit card or electronic means.

2-23 SECTION 5. Section 191.030, Health and Safety Code, is

2-24 repealed.

2-25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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