

AN ACT

relating to compensation of property owners whose property is damaged as a result of a pursuit involving a law enforcement agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 683.015, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (d), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(d) A municipality or county may transfer funds in excess of \$1,000 from the account to the municipality's or county's general revenue account to be used by the law enforcement agency or, if the vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or outboard motor was located in a county with a population of less than 150,000, by the attorney representing the state.

(f) A law enforcement agency or an attorney representing the state may use funds transferred under Subsection (d) to compensate property owners whose property was damaged as a result of a pursuit involving a [the] law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the agency would be liable under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(g) Before a law enforcement agency or an attorney representing the state may compensate a property owner under Subsection (f) using funds transferred to a county under Subsection (d), the sheriff, [or] constable, or attorney representing the state must submit the proposed payment for compensation for

1 consideration, and the commissioners court shall consider the  
2 proposed payment for compensation, at the next regularly scheduled  
3 meeting of the commissioners court.

4 (h) In this section, "attorney representing the state"  
5 means a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county  
6 attorney performing the duties of a district attorney.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1931 was passed by the House on May 7, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1931 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor