

1-1 By: Rodriguez of Travis (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2021
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;
 1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Hinojosa	X			
1-9 Nichols	X			
1-10 Garcia	X			
1-11 Paxton	X			
1-12 Taylor			X	

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the authority of a municipality or county to contract
 1-17 for the collection of certain amounts; authorizing a fee.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended
 1-20 by adding Section 140.009 to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 140.009. CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF AMOUNTS IN CIVIL
 1-22 CASES. (a) The governing body of a municipality or the
 1-23 commissioners court of a county may contract with a private
 1-24 attorney or public or private vendor for the collection of an amount
 1-25 owed to the municipality or county relating to a civil case,
 1-26 including an unpaid fine, fee, or court cost, if the amount is more
 1-27 than 60 days overdue.

1-28 (b) A municipality or county contracting with an attorney or
 1-29 a vendor under Subsection (a) may authorize the addition of a
 1-30 collection fee of 30 percent of the amount referred. The collection
 1-31 fee may be used only to compensate the attorney or vendor who
 1-32 collects the debt.

1-33 (c) This section does not apply to the collection of
 1-34 commercial bail bonds.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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