

1-1 By: Patrick S.B. No. 1217  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2013; March 13, 2013, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 29, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 29, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the authority of a county to deposit fees collected by a  
1-16 county bail bond board in a separate county fund.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 1704.101, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-19 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 1704.101. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY. A board shall:

1-21 (1) exercise powers incidental or necessary to the  
1-22 administration of this chapter;

1-23 (2) deposit fees collected under this chapter in the  
1-24 general fund of the county or in a separate county fund established  
1-25 for this purpose;

1-26 (3) supervise and regulate each phase of the bonding  
1-27 business in the county;

1-28 (4) adopt and post rules necessary to implement this  
1-29 chapter;

1-30 (5) conduct hearings and investigations and make  
1-31 determinations relating to the issuance, denial, or renewal of  
1-32 licenses;

1-33 (6) issue licenses to qualified applicants;

1-34 (7) deny licenses to unqualified applicants;

1-35 (8) employ persons necessary to assist in board  
1-36 functions; and

1-37 (9) conduct board business, including maintaining  
1-38 records and minutes.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 1704.103, Occupations  
1-40 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-41 (a) Fees deposited in the general fund of a county or in a  
1-42 separate county fund under Section 1704.101(2) may be used only to  
1-43 administer and enforce this chapter, including reimbursement for:

1-44 (1) reasonable expenses incurred by the board in  
1-45 enforcing this chapter; and

1-46 (2) actual expenses incurred by a board member in  
1-47 serving on the board.

1-48 SECTION 3. A county that establishes a separate county fund  
1-49 for the purpose of depositing fees collected under Chapter 1704,  
1-50 Occupations Code, as provided by Section 1704.101, Occupations  
1-51 Code, as amended by this Act, may transfer fees previously  
1-52 collected under Chapter 1704, Occupations Code, and deposited in  
1-53 the county's general fund to the separate fund.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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