

AN ACT

relating to an agreement between the Department of Public Safety and a county for the provision of renewal and duplicate driver's license and other identification certificate services; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.008. PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING THE PROVISION OF RENEWAL AND DUPLICATE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE SERVICES. (a) The department may establish a pilot program for the provision of renewal and duplicate driver's license, election identification certificate, and personal identification certificate services in:

(1) not more than three counties with a population of 50,000 or less;

(2) not more than three counties with a population of more than 50,000 but less than 1,000,001;

(3) not more than two counties with a population of more than one million; and

(4) notwithstanding Subdivisions (1)-(3), any county in which the department operates a driver's license office as a scheduled or mobile office.

(a-1) Under the pilot program, the department may enter into

1 an agreement with the commissioners court of a county to permit  
2 county employees to provide services at a county office relating to  
3 the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's licenses, election  
4 identification certificates, and personal identification  
5 certificates, including:

6           (1) taking photographs;

7           (2) administering vision tests;

8           (3) updating a driver's license, election  
9 identification certificate, or personal identification certificate  
10 to change a name, address, or photograph;

11           (4) distributing and collecting information relating  
12 to donations under Section 521.401;

13           (5) collecting fees; and

14           (6) performing other basic ministerial functions and  
15 tasks necessary to issue renewal and duplicate driver's licenses,  
16 election identification certificates, and personal identification  
17 certificates.

18           (b) An agreement under Subsection (a-1) may not include  
19 training to administer an examination for driver's license  
20 applicants under Subchapter H.

21           (c) A participating county must remit to the department for  
22 deposit as required by this chapter fees collected for the issuance  
23 of a renewal or duplicate driver's license or personal  
24 identification certificate.

25           (d) The commissioners court of a county may provide services  
26 through any consenting county office. A county office may decline  
27 or consent to provide services under this section by providing

1 written notice to the commissioners court.

2 (e) The department shall provide all equipment and supplies  
3 necessary to perform the services described by Subsection (a-1),  
4 including network connectivity.

5 (f) The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
6 section.

7 SECTION 2. Subchapter R, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
8 is amended by adding Section 521.428 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 521.428. COUNTY FEE. A county that provides services  
10 under an agreement described by Section 521.008 may collect an  
11 additional fee of up to \$5 for each transaction provided that  
12 relates to driver's license and personal identification  
13 certificate services only.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1729 passed the Senate on April 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1729 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor