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S.B. No. 1729

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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; and

(3) not more than two counties with a population of more than 1 million.

(a-1) Under the pilot program, the department may enter into an agreement with the commissioners court of a county to permit county employees to provide services at a county office relating to the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's licenses, election

1 identification certificates, and personal identification
2 certificates, including:

3 (1) taking photographs;

4 (2) administering vision tests;

5 (3) updating a driver's license, election
6 identification certificate, or personal identification certificate
7 to change a name, address, or photograph;

8 (4) distributing and collecting information relating
9 to donations under Section 521.401;

10 (5) collecting fees; and

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

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

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

22 (d) The commissioners court of a county may provide services
23 through any consenting county office. A county office may decline
24 or consent to provide services under this section by providing
25 written notice to the commissioners court.

26 (e) The department shall provide all equipment and supplies
27 necessary to perform the services described by Subsection (a-1),

1 including network connectivity.

2 (f) The department shall adopt rules to administer this
3 section.

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

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

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