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S.B. No. 1359

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the duties of the county attorney in Aransas County and  
3 to the duties of the district attorney for the 36th Judicial  
4 District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43.122, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 43.122. 36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. The voters of  
9 [~~Aransas and~~] San Patricio County [~~counties~~] elect a district  
10 attorney for the 36th Judicial District who represents the state in  
11 that district court only in that county [~~those counties~~]. In  
12 addition to exercising the duties and authority conferred on  
13 district attorneys by general law, the district attorney represents  
14 the state in all criminal cases in the district courts in that  
15 county [~~those counties~~].

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 45, Government Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 45.104 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 45.104. ARANSAS COUNTY. (a) In Aransas County, the  
19 county attorney of Aransas County shall perform the duties imposed  
20 on and have the powers conferred on district attorneys by general  
21 law.

22 (b) The county attorney of Aransas County or the  
23 Commissioners Court of Aransas County may accept gifts or grants  
24 from any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, foundation,

1 association, or governmental entity for the purpose of financing or  
2 assisting the operation of the office of county attorney in Aransas  
3 County. The county attorney shall account for and report to the  
4 commissioners court all gifts or grants accepted under this  
5 subsection.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.