

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1452
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 19, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 13, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 14, Nays 0; April 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-18 Uresti	X			
1-19 Watson	X			
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire	X			

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1452 By: Bettencourt

1-24 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-25 AN ACT

1-26 relating to the power of a commissioners court to authorize ad
 1-27 valorem tax sales of real property to be conducted by means of
 1-28 online auctions.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Section 34.01, Tax Code, is amended by adding
 1-31 Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (r) to read as follows:

1-32 (a-1) The commissioners court of a county by official action
 1-33 may authorize the officer charged with selling property under this
 1-34 section to conduct a public auction using online bidding and sale.
 1-35 The commissioners court may adopt rules governing online auctions
 1-36 authorized under this subsection. Rules adopted by the
 1-37 commissioners court under this subsection take effect on the 90th
 1-38 day after the date the rules are published in the real property
 1-39 records of the county.

1-40 (r) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1) and this
 1-41 subsection, a sale of real property under this section must take
 1-42 place at the county courthouse in the county in which the land is
 1-43 located. The commissioners court of the county may designate an
 1-44 area other than an area at the county courthouse where sales under
 1-45 this section will take place that is in a public place within a
 1-46 reasonable proximity of the county courthouse as determined by the
 1-47 commissioners court and in a location as accessible to the public as
 1-48 the courthouse door. The commissioners court shall record that
 1-49 designation in the real property records of the county. A
 1-50 designation by a commissioners court under this section is not a
 1-51 ground for challenging or invalidating any sale. A sale must be
 1-52 held at an area designated under this subsection if the sale is held
 1-53 on or after the 90th day after the date the designation is recorded.

1-54 SECTION 2. 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, 2015.

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