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H.B. No. 598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to procedures of a county tax assessor-collector for  
3 collection of dishonored checks and invoices; authorizing a fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 130.006, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 130.006. PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF DISHONORED  
8 CHECKS AND INVOICES. (a) A county tax assessor-collector may  
9 establish procedures for the collection of dishonored checks and  
10 credit card invoices. The procedures may include:

11 (1) official notification to the maker that the check  
12 or invoice has not been honored and that the receipt, registration,  
13 certificate, or other instrument issued on the receipt of the check  
14 or invoice is not valid until payment of the fee or tax is made;

15 (2) notification of the sheriff or other law  
16 enforcement officers that a check or credit card invoice has not  
17 been honored and that the receipt, registration, certificate, or  
18 other instrument held by the maker is not valid; ~~and~~

19 (3) notification to the Texas Department of Motor  
20 Vehicles, the comptroller of public accounts, or the Department of  
21 Public Safety that the receipt, registration, certificate, or other  
22 instrument held by the maker is not valid; and

23 (4) referral of a dishonored check or credit card  
24 invoice to a private collection agency.

1        (b) If the county tax assessor-collector refers a  
2 dishonored check or credit card invoice to a private collection  
3 agency under Subsection (a)(4), the private collection agency may  
4 charge a fee to the person responsible for the check or invoice in  
5 an amount equal to any amount authorized for a returned check under  
6 Section [118.011](#).

7        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.