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S.B. No. 354

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authority of certain officers of certain counties to disburse or direct payment of county funds for salaries or expenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 113.047, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 113.047. DISBURSEMENTS FOR SALARIES OR EXPENSES [~~IN COUNTY WITH POPULATION OF 190,000 OR MORE~~]. After the deposit of funds in a county depository, an officer [~~in a county with a population of 190,000 or more~~] may draw checks on the county treasurer to disburse the funds as payment for a salary or expenses authorized by law or in payment to the county or to the person to whom the funds belong.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 154, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 154.0235 to read as follows:

Sec. 154.0235. PROCEDURES REGARDING PAYMENT OF OFFICE EXPENSES AND EMPLOYEE SALARIES. (a) A district, county, or precinct officer may issue a warrant against the salary fund to pay authorized expenses of the office or the salary of an employee whose salary may be paid from the fund.

(b) A payment may not be made from the salary fund to an employee for a service performed before the person has taken the constitutional oath of office, if applicable, and the person's

1 authorized appointment and oath, if any, have been filed for record
2 with the county clerk and the county auditor, if the county has a
3 county auditor.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.