

1-1 By: Longoria (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 541
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Flores	X			
1-9 Bettencourt			X	
1-10 Hinojosa	X			
1-11 Huffman	X			
1-12 King	X			
1-13 Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to donations to certain local charities or veterans county
 1-18 service offices ordered to be paid as a condition of community
 1-19 supervision.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Article 42A.304(f), Code of Criminal Procedure,
 1-22 is amended to read as follows:

1-23 (f) Instead of requiring the defendant to work a specified
 1-24 number of hours at one or more community service projects under
 1-25 Subsection (a), the judge may order a defendant to make a specified
 1-26 donation to:

1-27 (1) a nonprofit food bank or food pantry in the
 1-28 community in which the defendant resides;

1-29 (2) a charitable organization engaged primarily in
 1-30 performing charitable functions [~~for veterans~~] in the community in
 1-31 which the defendant resides for defendants under community
 1-32 supervision or for veterans;

1-33 (3) a veterans county service office created under
 1-34 Subchapter B, Chapter 434, Government Code, and operating in the
 1-35 county in which the defendant resides; or

1-36 (4) [~~(3)~~] in a county with a population of less than
 1-37 50,000, another nonprofit organization that:

1-38 (A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a)
 1-39 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 because it is listed in Section
 1-40 501(c)(3) of that code; and

1-41 (B) provides services or assistance to needy
 1-42 individuals and families in the community in which the defendant
 1-43 resides.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 434.032(c), Government Code, is amended
 1-45 to read as follows:

1-46 (c) The commissioners court of a county that maintains an
 1-47 office:

1-48 (1) may not consider donations made [~~a juror's~~
 1-49 ~~donation~~] to the office [~~of the juror's daily reimbursement~~] under
 1-50 Article 42A.304(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, or Section 61.003
 1-51 for purposes of determining the county's budget for the office; and

1-52 (2) may use donations described by Subdivision (1)
 1-53 only to supplement, rather than supplant, amounts budgeted by the
 1-54 county for the office.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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