

AN ACT

relating to the attorney general's defense of a district or county attorney against certain lawsuits in federal court.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 402.024, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402.024. DEFENSE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY,       COUNTY  
ATTORNEY, OR GRAND JUROR.

SECTION 2. Section 402.024, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The attorney general may defend a state district attorney or a county attorney in an action in a federal court if:

(1) the district or county attorney is a defendant because of the district or county attorney's position;

(2) the cause of action relates to the enforcement of a state statute; and

(3) the district or county attorney requests the attorney general's assistance in the defense.

SECTION 3. Section 402.024, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a court action filed in federal court on or after the effective date of this Act. A court action filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1           SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 888 passed the Senate on April 10, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 888 passed the House on May 9, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 10, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor