

## CHAPTER 390

## H.B. No. 1561

An Act relating to the authority of counties to establish and operate an electronic funds transfer system for the payment of salaries, compensation, and reimbursement to officers and employees.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SYSTEM.** A county may establish and operate an electronic funds transfer system to transfer the following directly into officers' and employees' accounts in financial institutions only:

- (1) the net pay amounts of the officers and employees;
- (2) payments for the travel and subsistence of the officers and employees; and
- (3) all other forms of compensation, payment, or reimbursement paid to the officers and employees.

**SECTION 2. PARTICIPATION; PAYMENTS.** (a) An authorized payee must request in writing to participate in any electronic funds transfer system established and operated by the county.

(b) A single transfer may contain payments to multiple payees without the necessity of issuing individual warrants for each payee.

**SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION.** The county auditor or, if the county does not have a county auditor, the chief financial officer of the county, with the approval of the commissioners court, shall establish the procedures for administering the system and may use the services of financial institutions, automated clearinghouses, and the federal government.

**SECTION 4. NO ADDITIONAL RIGHTS CREATED.** The use of an electronic funds transfer means of payment does not create any rights that would not have been created if an individual warrant had been used as a means of payment.

**SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 6, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 10, 1985

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