

CHAPTER 391

H.B. No. 327

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of an optional county registration fee for vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9a(b), Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) A county may impose a fee under this section [~~only~~] to take effect beginning January 1 of a year. [~~ending in a "5" or a "0."~~] The county shall adopt the order and notify the Department on or before September 1 of the year preceding the year in which the fee takes effect. Imposition of the fee may be removed but the removal may only become effective beginning January 1. [~~of a year ending in a "5" or a "0."~~] A county may remove the fee only by:

- (1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and
- (2) notifying the Department on or before September 1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.

SECTION 2. Section 9a, Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If a notice of the extra fee is sent to owners required to register vehicles under this Act, the notice must state that the fee is imposed by the county but may not state a policy reason for the imposition of the fee.

SECTION 3. A fee imposed by a county under Section 9a, Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), applies to a registration period that begins on or after the date the fee takes effect.

SECTION 4. 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 February 24, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 20, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.