

CHAPTER 177

H.B. No. 759

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county tax assessor-collector or county clerk to collect a fee for returned checks.

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

SECTION 1. Title 61, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 3943g to read as follows:

Art. 3943g. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OR COUNTY CLERK'S FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS. A county tax assessor-collector or county clerk may set the amount of and collect a fee of not less than \$15 or more than \$25 from any legal entity, including a governmental agency, for each check that:

(1) is presented to the assessor-collector or county clerk in payment of taxes or any other item the entity owes to the county; and

(2) is returned to the county by the depository bank of the county or by any other financial institution because of insufficient funds to cover the check, account closed, signature not authorized, drawn on uncollected funds, or any other reason considered to be the fault of the drawer.

SECTION 2. 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 March 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 14, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved May 25, 1987.

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