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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and  
3 animals.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The office of inspector of hides and  
6 animals is abolished.

7 (b) Any records in the custody of an inspector of hides and  
8 animals are transferred to the county clerk of the county  
9 previously served by the inspector.

10 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

13 (1) county judge;

14 (2) judge, county court at law;

15 (3) judge, county criminal court;

16 (4) judge, county probate court;

17 (5) county attorney;

18 (6) district clerk;

19 (7) district and county clerk;

20 (8) county clerk;

21 (9) sheriff;

22 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;

23 (11) county tax assessor-collector;

24 (12) county treasurer;

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1 (13) county school trustee (county with population of  
2 3.3 million or more);  
3 (14) county surveyor [+  
4 [(15) inspector of hides and animals].

5 SECTION 3. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7                   (a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the  
8 general primary election is as follows:

9	(1) United States senator . . . . .	\$5,000
10	(2) office elected statewide, except United States	
11	senator . . . . .	3,750
12	(3) United States representative . . . . .	3,125
13	(4) state senator . . . . .	1,250
14	(5) state representative . . . . .	750
15	(6) member, State Board of Education . . . . .	300
16	(7) chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other	
17	than a justice specified by Subdivision (8) . . . . .	1,875
18	(8) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals	
19	that serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a	
20	population of more than 750,000 is wholly or partly	
21	situated . . . . .	2,500
22	(9) district judge or judge specified by Section	
23	52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a	
24	fee . . . . .	1,500
25	(10) district or criminal district judge of a court in	
26	a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population	
27	of more than 850,000 . . . . .	2,500

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1	(11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge	
2	specified by Subdivision (12) . . . . .	1,500
3	(12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with	
4	a population of more than 850,000 . . . . .	2,500
5	(13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,	
6	or county attorney performing the duties of a district	
7	attorney . . . . .	1,250
8	(14) county commissioner, district clerk, county	
9	clerk, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer,	
10	or judge, constitutional county court:	
11	(A) county with a population of 200,000 or	
12	more . . . . .	1,250
13	(B) county with a population of under	
14	200,000 . . . . .	750
15	(15) justice of the peace or constable:	
16	(A) county with a population of 200,000 or	
17	more . . . . .	1,000
18	(B) county with a population of under	
19	200,000 . . . . .	375
20	(16) county surveyor [ <del>, inspector of hides and</del>	
21	<del>animals,</del> or public weigher . . . . .	75
22	(17) office of the county government for which this	
23	schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee . . . . .	750
24	SECTION 4. Section 87.012, Local Government Code, is	
25	amended to read as follows:	
26	Sec. 87.012. OFFICERS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL. The district	
27	judge may, under this subchapter, remove from office:	

18 SECTION 5. Section 87.041(a), Local Government Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (a) The commissioners court of a county may fill a vacancy  
21 in the office of:

- 22 (1) county judge;
- 23 (2) county clerk;
- 24 (3) district and county clerk;
- 25 (4) sheriff;
- 26 (5) county attorney;
- 27 (6) county treasurer;

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- 1 (7) county surveyor;
- 2 (8) [inspector of hides and animals;]
- 3 [(9)] county tax assessor-collector;
- 4 (9) [(10)] justice of the peace; or
- 5 (10) [(11)] constable.

6 SECTION 6. Sections 148.044, 148.067, and 148.068,  
7 Agriculture Code, are repealed.

8 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.