

1-1 By: Ordaz Perez (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 2272
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Menéndez	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hall			X	
1-12 Nichols			X	
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Springer	X			
1-15 Zaffirini			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the delegation of certain authority of a county judge or
 1-20 commissioners court in certain counties.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 81.029, Local Government Code, is
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 81.029. DELEGATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY [~~DUTIES~~]
 1-25 [A] COUNTY JUDGE OR COMMISSIONERS COURT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a)
 1-26 This section applies only to [a county judge in] a county that has a
 1-27 population of more than 800,000 and is located on the international
 1-28 border.

1-29 (b) A county judge may file an order with the commissioners
 1-30 court of the county delegating to a county commissioner of the
 1-31 commissioners court, a chief administrator, or another county
 1-32 officer or employee the ability to sign orders or other official
 1-33 documents associated with the county judge's office. The
 1-34 delegating order must clearly indicate the types of orders or
 1-35 official documents that the county commissioner, chief
 1-36 administrator, officer, or employee may sign on behalf of the
 1-37 county judge.

1-38 (c) A county judge may file a standing order of emergency
 1-39 delegation of authority that clearly indicates the types of orders
 1-40 or official documents that the county commissioner, chief
 1-41 administrator, officer, or employee may sign on behalf of the
 1-42 county judge in the event of an emergency or disaster.

1-43 (d) An order or official document signed by the county
 1-44 commissioner, chief administrator, officer, or employee under the
 1-45 delegated authority of the county judge under this section has the
 1-46 same effect as an order of the county judge.

1-47 (e) The county judge may at any time revoke the delegated
 1-48 authority or transfer the authority to a different county
 1-49 commissioner, chief administrator, officer, or employee by filing
 1-50 an order with the commissioners court.

1-51 (f) The commissioners court by order may delegate
 1-52 managerial authority of the commissioners court to a county chief
 1-53 administrator. The delegating order must clearly indicate the
 1-54 specific managerial authority delegated to the administrator. By
 1-55 subsequent order, the commissioners court may revoke or modify the
 1-56 managerial authority delegated to the administrator.

1-57 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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