

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 651  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 18, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs;  
1-4 April 2, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 2, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-9	Hancock	X		PNV
1-10	Parker			X
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Gutierrez			X
1-13	Hagenbuch	X		
1-14	Hall	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 651 By: Hall

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

1-19 relating to the requirement that a veterans county service office  
1-20 report to the commissioners court or a designated county executive  
1-21 official.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. Section [434.032\(a\)](#), Government Code, is amended  
1-24 to read as follows:  
1-25 (a) In a county with a population of 200,000 or more, the  
1-26 commissioners court shall maintain a veterans county service  
1-27 office. The office must:  
1-28 (1) be separate and distinct from other county  
1-29 offices;  
1-30 (2) be staffed by at least one full-time employee; and  
1-31 (3) report directly to the commissioners court or a  
1-32 designated county executive official.  
1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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