

1-1 By: Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 2524
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2015;
 1-3 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 21, 2015, reported adversely,
 1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-6 Nays 1; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10		X		
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2524 By: Garcia

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

1-19 relating to legal services provided by a district or county
 1-20 attorney to county and precinct officials.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 41.007, Government Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 41.007. OPINIONS TO COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS.

1-25 (a) A [district or county attorney, on request, shall give to a]
 1-26 county or precinct official may request in writing [of his district
 1-27 or county] a written opinion or written advice relating to the
 1-28 official duties of that official, including the interpretation of a
 1-29 statute relating to the official duties of the official, from the
 1-30 district or county attorney.

1-31 (b) Not later than the 30th day after the date a written
 1-32 request is submitted under Subsection (a), the district or county
 1-33 attorney shall:

1-34 (1) grant the request and provide the written opinion
 1-35 or written advice;

1-36 (2) deny the request in writing; or

1-37 (3) provide written notification to the requestor that
 1-38 the opinion or written advice cannot be provided by the date
 1-39 prescribed by this subsection and specify a date by which the
 1-40 opinion or advice will be provided, which must be reasonable.

1-41 (c) If a county or precinct official is sued for an action
 1-42 arising from the performance of a public duty as a result of
 1-43 following an opinion or the advice provided under Subsection (a),
 1-44 the county or precinct official is entitled to representation as
 1-45 provided by Section 157.901, Local Government Code.

1-46 (d) In this section, "county official" includes a county
 1-47 auditor.

1-48 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Section 41.007,
 1-49 Government Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a request
 1-50 submitted for a written opinion or written advice on or after the
 1-51 effective date of this Act. A request submitted before the
 1-52 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
 1-53 request was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for
 1-54 that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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