

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a proposed juror reports for jury service and is provided a form letter that allows a juror to donate the juror's reimbursements to any one of over 200 local child welfare boards. Although the county is required to provide the form letter, as a matter of procedure several counties do not adequately inform prospective jurors of the form letter. S.B. 136 specifies that the counties hand deliver the form letter to prospective jurors. In addition, S.B. 136 requires the counties to collect the prospective juror's form and process the form accordingly.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 136 requires a county to personally provide the donation form letter, collect the form letter, and deposit the donation into a child welfare fund.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 61.003, Government Code, to require each prospective juror reporting for jury service to be personally provided a form letter which, when signed, directs the juror's reimbursement to be donated to the child welfare board of the county appointed under Section 264.005, Family Code. Requires the county treasurer to collect the form letters directing the county treasurer to donate a prospective juror's compensation, and to deposit any donations made to the county child welfare board into a prescribed and authorized county child welfare fund, if available. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
 Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.