

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law is ambiguous regarding the collection of a fee by a municipality for the collection of fees, fines, court costs, and other charges via credit card. H.B. 3162 authorizes municipalities to accept payment of fees, fines, court costs, and other charges by credit card or other electronic means without charging an additional fee for providing the service.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 132.002, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) and redesignating subsequent subsections, to authorize the governing body of a municipality to authorize the acceptance of payment by credit card without requiring collection of a fee.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.