

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, counties have limited authority to charge for online services, and statutory language limits the type of services offered to information access and collections. C.S.S.B. 1161 allows a county the flexibility to provide new services and recapture the cost of service when new electronic services are provided.

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 132.007, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 132.007. New heading: INFORMATION, SERVICES AND PAYMENT THROUGH THE INTERNET. (a) Authorizes a county or municipality to provide through the Internet other county and municipal services authorized by law.

(b) Authorizes a county or municipality to charge a reasonable fee for providing a service authorized by this section.

(c) Authorizes a county or municipality that provides access to information or provides services through the Internet under Subsection (a) (3) to perform certain functions. Makes conforming changes.

(d) Authorizes a county or municipality to contract with a vendor to perform any service or activity authorized by Subsection (a). Requires the county or municipality to approve any fee charged by a vendor under a contract authorized by this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.