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FORT BEND COUNTY FY 2009
COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM
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Date Submitted: 09-15-09 Submitted By: Judge Thomas R. Culver and Annie Rebecca Elliott
 Department: 240th District Court and Fort Bend District Clerk
 Court Agenda Date: September 22,2009 Phone Number: 281 633 7632

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Take all appropriate action to approve the child welfare, child protective services, or child services board of the County appointed under Section 264.005, Family Code, that serves abused and neglected children, as an option for donation, pursuant to the 81st Legislative session, SB No. 1675 relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

RENEWAL AGREEMENT/APPOINTMENT YES NO
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: YES NO

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

BUDGETED ITEM: YES NO

FUNDNG SOURCE: Accounting Unit: Account Number:
 Activity (If Applicable):

DESCRIPTION OF LAWSON ACCOUNT: _____

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- Completely fill out agenda form: Incomplete forms will not be processed.
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- All original back-up must be received in the County Judge's Office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

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RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Special Handling Requested (specify): _____

S.B. No. 1675

AN ACT

relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 61.003, Government Code, as amended by Chapters 661 (H.B. 1204) and 1378 (S.B. 560), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) Each person who reports for jury service shall be personally provided a form letter that when signed by the person directs the county treasurer to donate all, or a specific amount designated by the person, of the person's daily reimbursement under this chapter to:

(1) the compensation to victims of crime fund under Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) the child welfare, child protective services, or child services board of the county appointed under Section 264.005, Family Code, that serves abused and neglected children;

(3) any program selected by the commissioners court that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence; or

(4) any other program approved by the commissioners court of the county, including a program established under Article

S.B. No. 1675
56.04(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, that offers psychological counseling to jurors in criminal cases involving graphic evidence or testimony.

SECTION 2. Section 61.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-2) The form letter provided under Subsection (a) must contain a brief description of the programs designated for donation under that subsection.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to donations from jurors appearing in response to a summons issued on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

S.B. No. 1675

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1675 passed the Senate on
May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1675 passed the House on
May 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present
not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

JUROR'S DONATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

In accordance with HB1204 of the 80th Legislative Session a juror is to be given the opportunity to donate all, or a specific amount of daily reimbursement for jury service.

Your daily reimbursement is:

- \$6 per day of service for jurors in the jury pool (excludes those excused or rescheduled)
- \$40 per day of service as an impaneled juror (those sworn in as the final 6 or 12 jurors)

If you wish to donate ALL or a PORTION of your jury pay, please mark the designated agency and indicate the amount you wish to donate.

An agency and specified amount must be designated.

OPTION 1

\$ _____ **Victims of Crime Fund**
(amount of donation)

Provides assistance to eligible innocent victims of crime who have resulting expenses that cannot be reimbursed from insurance or other sources. This fund provides compensation on approved claims such as the following:

- Reasonable medical, counseling, prescription, and rehabilitation expenses
- Certain funeral expenses
- Partial loss of earnings and support
- Child care to enable a victim or spouse, or the surviving spouse of a deceased victim, to continue employment

The Office of the Attorney General administers the fund and is committed to helping victims who qualify under the statutory guidelines of the Texas Victims' Compensation Act (Chapter 56 - Subchapter B, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure).

\$ _____ **Children's Protective Services Child Welfare Service Fund**
(amount of donation)

Responsibilities of this program include accepting all child abuse and neglect referrals, working with families toward the goal of resolving family problems and preventing the removal of children from the home, placing a child in appropriate substitute care or adoption when necessary providing casework services to status offenders and children in need of supervision, and providing children in agency custody with adequate medical care.

The executive director is responsible to the Children's Protective Services Board, which is appointed by Commissioners court in accordance with Texas Family Code 264.005.

() I wish to receive, after donation deductions, the balance of jury service payment, in the amount of \$ _____.

OPTION 2

() I wish to receive full payment for my jury service.

Please provide your juror number and name below.

*Thank you for your Service,
Annie Rebecca Elliott, District Clerk
Fort Bend County, Texas*

1st Day Served Date: _____ Last Day Served Date: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Please print)

Juror Number: _____

NOTE: ALL DONATIONS & PAYMENTS ARE FINAL UPON RELEASE OF THE JUROR.

GRAND JUROR'S DONATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

In accordance with HB1204 of the 80th Legislative Session a juror is to be given the opportunity to donate all, or a specific amount of daily reimbursement for jury service.

Your daily reimbursement is:
\$50.00 per day for service as a Grand Juror

If you wish to donate ALL or a PORTION of your Grand Jury pay, please mark the designated agency and indicate the amount you wish to donate.

An agency and specified amount must be designated.

\$ _____ **Victims of Crime Fund**
(amount of donation)

Provides assistance to eligible innocent victims of crime who have resulting expenses that cannot be reimbursed from insurance or other sources. This fund provides compensation on approved claims such as the following:

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() I wish to receive full payment for my Grand Jury service.

Please provide your name below.

Thank you for your Service,

**Annie Rebecca Elliott, District Clerk
Fort Bend County, Texas**

Name: _____
(Please print)

HAVING SERVED AS A Grand Juror for the District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, I hereby acknowledge receipt of my Grand Jury compensation in the amount of

\$ _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signed: _____
(Signature)

NOTE: ALL DONATIONS & PAYMENTS ARE FINAL.