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S.B. No. 1216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to abolishing certain county boards of education, boards of county school trustees, and offices of county school superintendent.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Each county board of education, board of county school trustees, and office of county school superintendent in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more is abolished effective September 1, 2015.

(b) All assets, liabilities, and contracts of a board abolished by this Act are transferred to the commissioners court of the county in trust for the component school districts in the county. The commissioners court shall, not later than September 1, 2016, distribute the assets remaining after discharge of the board's liabilities to the component school districts in the county in proportionate shares equal to the proportion that the membership in each district bears to total membership in the county as of May 1, 2015. The commissioners court may liquidate board assets as necessary to discharge board liabilities and facilitate the distribution of assets. A person authorized by the board shall execute any documents necessary to complete the transfer of assets, liabilities, or contracts.

(c) The component school districts of a board abolished by this Act shall collect and use any delinquent taxes imposed by the

1 board in the manner provided by rule of the commissioner of
2 education.

3 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

- 6 (1) county judge;
- 7 (2) judge, county court at law;
- 8 (3) judge, county criminal court;
- 9 (4) judge, county probate court;
- 10 (5) county attorney;
- 11 (6) district clerk;
- 12 (7) district and county clerk;
- 13 (8) county clerk;
- 14 (9) sheriff;
- 15 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;
- 16 (11) county tax assessor-collector;
- 17 (12) county treasurer;
- 18 (13) ~~[county school trustee (county with population of~~
19 ~~3.3 million or more)]~~;
- 20 ~~[(14)]~~ county surveyor.

21 SECTION 3. Chapter 595 (H.B. 689), Acts of the 59th
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 2676c, Vernon's Texas
23 Civil Statutes), is repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.