

## Approval Request for Senate Bill 22 funding for Prosecutor's Office

Senate Bill 22 will provide funding for the Prosecutor's offices across Texas. A Prosecutor's offices that are awarded grant funds from Senate Bill 22 must use the grant monies to:

- Increase the salary of an assistant attorney, an investigator or a victim assistance coordinator employed at the; or,
- Hire additional staff for the office.

I am requesting approval of the Commissioner Court of Clay County to allow our request of the \$175,000 available to the Clay County Prosecutor's office from Senate Bill 22. Mr. Slagle will utilize the funds to hire an additional attorney for his office to assist in the large number of cases. Also, monies will be spent on an investigator for the office. Investigator funding could result in a part-time position, and/or be a direct financial support to the Sheriff's office. In addition, these funds will cover the salary of the victim assistance coordinator. A victim assistance coordinator is a position required by The State of Texas.

### Projected Budget

Assistant Attorney	\$115,000
Investigator	50,000
Victim Coordinator	10,000

Any new position hired will be a contract position, and therefore will not affect payroll taxes, benefits, etc. In addition, it will be noted the Assistant Attorney and Investigator will be solely based on grant funding.