BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session passed House Bill Number 115, being " AN ACT authorizing the Commissioners' Court to contract for the collection of insolvent taxes due on personal property in the same manner and subject to the same rules and regulations as now provided by Law for contracts governing the collection of delinquent taxes due on real property, provided that such contracts for the collection of insolvent taxes due on personal property may authorize the payment of commissions without the necessity of suit being filed to effect collection; and declaring an emergency"; and

WHEREAS, said bill has been vetoed for the reasons set out in the following statement, which has been filed with said bill in the office of the Secretary of State:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
March 26, 1930

The attached bill, House Bill Number 115, being "AN ACT authorizing the Commissioners' Court to contract for the collection of insolvent taxes due on personal property in the same manner and subject to the same rules and regulations as now provided by Law for contracts governing the collection of delinquent taxes due on real property, provided that such contracts for the collection of insolvent taxes due on personal property may authorize the payment of commissions without the necessity of suit being filed to effect collection; and declaring an emergency ", is hereby vetoed.

This bill provides that the Commissioners' Court shall be authorized to enter into the contract for the collection of insolvent taxes. It is the duty of existing county officers to collect delinquent taxes, and I doubt the wisdom of any law authorizing the Commissioners' Court to enter into contracts to pay commissions for the collection of delinquent taxes. The officers ought to perform their duties with respect to the collection of delinquent taxes, but if they do not perform this duty, then the employment of a contractor on a commission basis is a very poor substitute for a diligent and efficient public officer.

Dan Moody

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I, DAN MOODY, Governor of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have vetoed said Bill for the reasons stated and on file, and do hereby proclaim said action to have been taken.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, Texas, this the 26th day of March, A. D. 1930.

Dan Moody
Governor of Texas

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Watt L Sanders
Secretary of State
Assistant