

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the notice requirements following impoundment of an  
3 estray.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 142.009(d), Agriculture Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) If the owner of the estray is unknown, the sheriff or the  
8 sheriff's designee shall make a diligent search for the identity of  
9 the owner of the estray, including a search in the county register  
10 of recorded brands, if the animal has an identifiable brand. If the  
11 search does not reveal the owner, the sheriff shall post a notice of  
12 the impoundment of the estray on the public notice board of the  
13 courthouse and advertise the impoundment of the estray:

14 (1) in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
15 county at least twice during the 15 days after the date of  
16 impoundment; or

17 (2) on the county's Internet website for at least 15  
18 days after the date of impoundment [~~and shall post a notice of the~~  
19 ~~impoundment on the public notice board of the courthouse].~~

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

John Strawn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the House on April 22, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Honey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the Senate on May 7, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 MAY '09

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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