

# HOUSTON COUNTY

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Appointment by Governor--1903, 56

Clerical assistance--1949, 491; 1951, 389; 1953, 450; 1957, 35; 1961, 159

Compensation--1931, 152; 1945, 12; 1951, 389; 1957, 198

Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1969, 1037; repealed--(GBLA) 1971, 1932; 1971, 2302; repealed--1973, 225

Office consolidated, revenue commissioner established--1969, 2246

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### **COTTONWOOD**

#### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Dispensary established--1903, 453

#### **BOUNDARIES**

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### **COWARTS**

#### **BOUNDARIES**

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