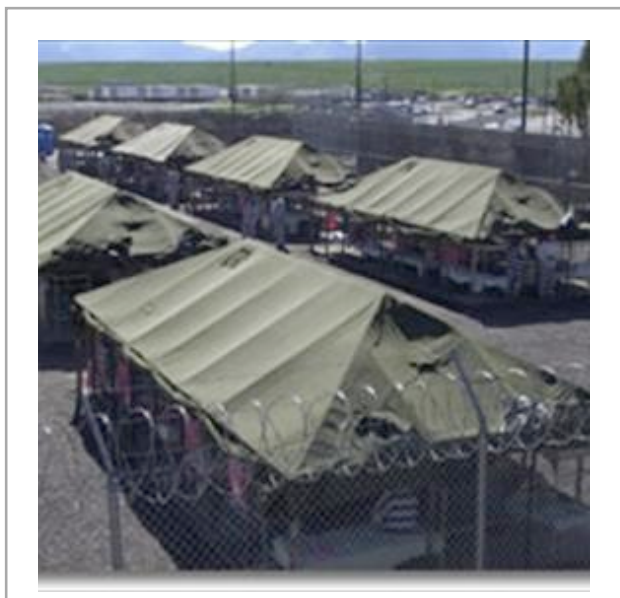


'Tent Jails' would save taxpayers millions



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AUSTIN, Texas -- [State Representative Lyle Larson](#) plans to present a bill calling for tent jails in Texas.

[House Bill 684](#) would allow counties to house low-risk inmates in tents to ease jail overcrowding. Larson said the plan would save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Maricopa County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jack MacIntyre, the right hand man of legendary [Sheriff Joe Arpaio](#), will fly in from Arizona to testify in support of the bill.

"Many of our military service members live in tents all over the world during their deployments. If these conditions are good enough for our military men and women, they are sufficient for low risk offenders," said Rep. Larson. "We're very pleased that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department has endorsed HB 684 and look forward to Chief MacIntyre's testimony."

The bill will be heard in the House County Affairs Committee on April 7, 2011.

Should the state allow counties to set up tent jails? [\[more\]](#)

- Yes
- No

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