

1-1 By: Stick, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 1681
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the amount of compensation and allowances for certain
1-9 county auditors.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 152.032, Local Government Code, is
1-12 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (a) Except as provided by Subsections [Subsection] (b) and
1-15 (d), the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county
1-16 auditor may not exceed the amount of the compensation and
1-17 allowances received from all sources by the highest paid elected
1-18 county officer, other than a judge of a statutory county court,
1-19 whose salary and allowances are set by the commissioners court.

1-20 (d) This subsection applies only to a county with a
1-21 population of more than 800,000 that uses an automated system to
1-22 enhance internal controls of county finances through the use of
1-23 automated edit checks of its automated purchasing system and its
1-24 comprehensive automated payroll system. The amount of the
1-25 compensation and allowances of a county auditor in a county
1-26 governed by this subsection may exceed the limit imposed by
1-27 Subsection (a) if the compensation and allowances are approved by
1-28 the commissioners court. If a county is governed by this subsection
1-29 and Subsection (b), the amount of compensation and allowances
1-30 received by the county auditor may not exceed the limit imposed by
1-31 Subsection (b).

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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