1-1   By: Wentworth   S.B. No. 1581
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003, read
1-3   first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4   Relations; April 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5   vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8   relating to providing that an audit working paper of a county
1-9   auditor is excepted from required public disclosure under the
1-10   public information law.
1-11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12   SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 84, Local Government Code,
1-13   is amended by adding Section 84.903 to read as follows:
1-14   Sec. 84.903. AUDIT WORKING PAPER EXCEPTED FROM REQUIRED
1-15   PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. (a) In this section:
1-16   (1) "Audit" means an audit authorized or required by a
1-17   statute of this state or the United States and includes an
1-18   investigation.
1-19   (2) "Audit working paper" includes all information,
1-20   documentary or otherwise, prepared or maintained in conducting an
1-21   audit or preparing an audit report, including:
1-22   (A) intradepartmental and interdepartmental
1-23   communications; and
1-24   (B) drafts of the audit report or portions of
1-25   those drafts.
1-26   (b) An audit working paper of an audit of the county auditor
1-27   is excepted from required public disclosure under the public
1-28   information law, Chapter 552, Government Code. If information in
1-29   an audit working paper is also maintained in another record, this
1-30   section does not except that other record from required public
1-31   disclosure under the public information law.
1-32   SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
1-33   audit working papers created before, on, or after the effective
1-34   date of this Act.
1-35   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39   Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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