

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Frank Madla, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB249** by Goolsby (Relating to the returned check fee collected by a county clerk. ),  
**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to allow a county clerk to set and collect a fee of up to \$30 for a returned check. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

Under current statute, the county clerk may set and collect a fee of up to \$25 for a returned check. County clerks from various size counties indicated that while the fiscal impact would be a positive one, the impact would be minimal. For example, Rockwall County (population 43,080) only encounters three to five returned checks per year and Denton County (population 432,976) no longer accepts checks from anyone other than attorneys and businesses, and those are rarely returned. Although the largest county in the state, Harris County (population 3.4 million), receives about 200 returned checks annually, the increased revenue would still be considered insignificant.

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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