

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**February 11, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Glenn Lewis, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB389** by Pitts (Relating to permit application and hearing procedures under the Texas Mass Gatherings Act; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 751, Health and Safety Code, Texas Mass Gatherings Act, to change the procedural requirements for a hearing and ruling by a county judge related to granting or denying a permit for holding a mass gathering.

**Local Government Impact**

Included in the procedural changes would be lengthening the time frame in which a county judge must hold a hearing to rule on granting or denying a mass gathering permit, requiring the judge to state in the record the grounds used when denying a permit, allowing the permit to be automatically granted if the judge does not act within specified time frames, allowing those denied a permit an opportunity to revise their application, and making it a Class A misdemeanor to make a misrepresentation on a permit application.

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

**Source Agencies:**

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