

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

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

**IN RE: HB1681** by Stick (Relating to the amount of compensation and allowances for certain county auditors.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to exempt certain counties from limits on the county auditor's compensation and allowances. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Current statute limits the county auditor's salary to an amount not to exceed the salary and allowances of the highest paid elected county officer in the county, other than a judge of a statutory court, whose salary and allowances are set by the commissioners court. The proposed change in statute would apply to counties with a population of more than 800,000 and that use an automated system to enhance internal controls of county finances related to the county's automated purchasing system and its automated payroll system. The counties of Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, and Travis would meet the requirements of the bill. All five counties were contacted, with Harris, Dallas, and Travis counties responding; each said the fiscal impact would be insignificant.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts

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