

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**May 8, 2003**

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

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

**IN RE: HB3021** by Woolley (Relating to the disclosure of certain business or financial relationships of certain local governmental officers; imposing a criminal penalty.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would require the governing body of a county with a population of 2.2 million or more, a municipality with a population of 1.6 million or more, and a local governmental entity appointed by either to adopt a "conflicts disclosure statement" for local government officers. The governing body would also be required to develop a "conflict of interest questionnaire" to be completed by vendors and other persons that have certain interactions with the local government entity. The local government would be required to post on its Internet website the conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires that are filed.

The conflicts disclosure statement and the conflict of interest questionnaire must be adopted by December 31, 2003. A local government officer would not be required to file a conflicts disclosure statement before January 1, 2004. A vendor or other applicable person would not be required to file a conflict of interest questionnaire prior to January 1, 2004.

The cities of Houston and Dallas and Harris County are the only municipalities and county that currently meet the population criteria of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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