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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3214 by Cook, Robby (Relating to the fees of office payable to directors of certain general and special law districts.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code by changing the limit on the fees of office that a director of certain general and special law districts may be paid. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Under current statute, a director is entitled to receive fees of office of not more than \$150 a day for each day the director actually spends performing the duties of a director, not to exceed \$6,000 annually, with exceptions for directors of certain special water authorities. The proposed revision in statute would raise the annual limit that a board may set to not more than \$7,200. The same exceptions would apply.

Local Government Impact

If a district's board by resolution were to set a limit on the fees of office that a director may receive as the proposed maximum of \$7,200 annually, the fiscal impact on the district would depend on the difference between \$7,200 and the current maximum amount paid, with the highest possible increase per director totaling \$1,200 (proposed maximum of \$7,200 minus current maximum of \$6,000). The impact would also vary by district depending on the number of directors appointed in each district.

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