

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

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

**IN RE: SB1631** by Wentworth (Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land development after a local option election.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize a county commissioners court to hold an election to seek voter approval for the commissioners court to regulate land development in the unincorporated area of the county. If a county is authorized to regulate land development, the county would be allowed to collect impact fees for new development starting one year after the fee is adopted or for land platted upon recordation of a subdivision or other plat.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

A county would incur election costs in seeking authorization to regulate land development in the unincorporated area of the county. If authorized to regulate land development, the county's costs for imposing and enforcing regulations would be offset by impact fees.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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