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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1231 by Castro (Relating to the authority of counties to establish petty cash funds.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize counties to establish a petty cash fund for any county or district official or department head approved by the commissioners court. In a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, the county auditor would be required to approve the amount set aside. In a county with a population of less than 3.3 million, the commissioners court would be required to approve the amount. The bill would also require that in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, the fund must be established under a system provided and installed by the county purchasing agent. In a county with a population of less than 3.3 million, the system would be provided and installed by the county auditor.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

Under current statute, only a county with a population of 3.3 million or more is authorized to establish a petty cash fund. The proposed statute would authorize all counties to establish a petty cash fund. According to the 2000 federal census, only Harris County has a population of 3.3 million or more.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated as a result of implementing procedures for establishing, maintaining, and reporting on a petty cash system.

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