

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

**IN RE: SB624** by Hinojosa (Relating to the regulation of bail bond sureties.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Occupations Code to require that a county with a population of 50,000 or more create a bail bond board and to make it optional for a county with a population of less than 50,000 to create a bail bond board. The bill would also authorize a board to suspend or revoke a person's authorization as a bail bondsperson or as a surety for certain violations. A county with a population of 50,000 or more that has not created a bail bond board under current statute would be required to establish the board by January 1, 2006. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Under current statute, a county with a population of 110,000 or more is required to establish a bail bond board, and establishment of a board in a county with a population of less than 110,000 is optional.

**Local Government Impact**

Counties in which establishment of the board is currently optional, but under the proposed change in statute would be required to establish the board, would incur administrative costs that are not anticipated to be significant.

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

**Source Agencies:**

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