

AN ACT

relating to county accounting procedures regarding certain audits, debts, and records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5, Article 55.02, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (f) and (g), on receipt of the order, each official or agency or other entity named in the order shall:

(1) return all records and files that are subject to the expunction order to the court or, if removal is impracticable, obliterate all portions of the record or file that identify the person who is the subject of the order and notify the court of its action; and

(2) delete from its public records all index references to the records and files that are subject to the expunction order.

(c) Except in the case of a person who is the subject of an expunction order based on an entitlement under Article 55.01(d) and except as provided by Subsection (g), if an order of expunction is issued under this article, the court records concerning expunction proceedings are not open for inspection by anyone except the person who is the subject of the order unless the order permits retention

1 of a record under Section 4 of this article and the person is again  
2 arrested for or charged with an offense arising out of the  
3 transaction for which the person was arrested or unless the court  
4 provides for the retention of records and files under Section 4(a)  
5 of this article. The clerk of the court issuing the order shall  
6 obliterate all public references to the proceeding and maintain the  
7 files or other records in an area not open to inspection.

8 (d) Except in the case of a person who is the subject of an  
9 expunction order on the basis of an acquittal or an expunction order  
10 based on an entitlement under Article 55.01(d) and except as  
11 provided by Subsection (g), the clerk of the court shall destroy all  
12 the files or other records maintained under Subsection (c) not  
13 earlier than the 60th day after the date the order of expunction is  
14 issued or later than the first anniversary of that date unless the  
15 records or files were released under Subsection (b).

16 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, an  
17 official, agency, court, or other entity may retain receipts,  
18 invoices, vouchers, or similar records of financial transactions  
19 that arose from the expunction proceeding or prosecution of the  
20 underlying criminal cause in accordance with internal financial  
21 control procedures. An official, agency, court, or other entity  
22 that retains records under this subsection shall obliterate all  
23 portions of the record or the file that identify the person who is  
24 the subject of the expunction order.

25 SECTION 2. Subsection (g), Article 59.06, Code of Criminal  
26 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

27 (g)(1) All law enforcement agencies and attorneys

1 representing the state who receive proceeds or property under this  
2 chapter shall account for the seizure, forfeiture, receipt, and  
3 specific expenditure of all such proceeds and property in an audit,  
4 which is to be performed annually by the commissioners court or  
5 governing body of a municipality, as appropriate. The annual  
6 period of the audit for a law enforcement agency is the fiscal year  
7 of the appropriate county or municipality and the annual period for  
8 an attorney representing the state is the state fiscal year. The  
9 audit shall be completed on a form provided by the attorney general.  
10 Certified copies of the audit shall be delivered by the law  
11 enforcement agency or attorney representing the state to the  
12 comptroller's office and the attorney general not later than the  
13 60th [~~30th~~] day after the date on which the annual period that is  
14 the subject of the audit ends.

15 (2) If a copy of the audit is not delivered to the  
16 attorney general within the period required by Subdivision (1),  
17 within five days after the end of the period the attorney general  
18 shall notify the law enforcement agency or the attorney  
19 representing the state of that fact. On a showing of good cause,  
20 the attorney general may grant an extension permitting the agency  
21 or attorney to deliver a copy of the audit after the period required  
22 by Subdivision (1) and before the 76th [~~46th~~] day after the date on  
23 which the annual period that is the subject of the audit ends. If  
24 the law enforcement agency or the attorney representing the state  
25 fails to establish good cause for not delivering the copy of the  
26 audit within the period required by Subdivision (1) or fails to  
27 deliver a copy of an audit within the extension period, the attorney

1 general shall notify the comptroller of that fact. On notice under  
2 this subdivision, the comptroller shall perform the audit otherwise  
3 required by Subdivision (1). At the conclusion of the audit, the  
4 comptroller shall forward a copy of the audit to the attorney  
5 general. The law enforcement agency or attorney representing the  
6 state is liable to the comptroller for the costs of the comptroller  
7 in performing the audit.

8 SECTION 3. Section 154.025, Local Government Code, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 154.025. DISBURSEMENTS TO PERSONS WITH OUTSTANDING  
11 DEBT PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "debt" includes delinquent  
12 taxes, fines, fees, and indebtedness arising from written  
13 agreements with the county.

14 (b) If notice of indebtedness has been filed with the county  
15 auditor and county treasurer evidencing the indebtedness of a  
16 person to the state, the county, or a salary fund, a warrant may not  
17 be drawn on a county fund in favor of a person, or an agent or  
18 assignee of a person, until:

19 (1) the county treasurer, or the county auditor in a  
20 county without a county treasurer, notifies in writing the person  
21 owing the debt [~~is notified~~] that the debt is outstanding; and

22 (2) the debt is paid.

23 (c) A county may apply any funds the county owes a person to  
24 the outstanding balance of debt for which notice is made under  
25 Subsection (b)(1), if the notice includes a statement that the  
26 amount owed by the county to the person may be applied to reduce the  
27 outstanding debt.

1       (d) A county may include a notice in its forms, bonds, or  
2 other agreements stating that the county may offset payments to a  
3 person in accordance with this section.

4       SECTION 4. Section 154.045, Local Government Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6       Sec. 154.045. DISBURSEMENTS TO PERSON WITH OUTSTANDING DEBT  
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8 taxes, fines, fees, and indebtedness arising from written  
9 agreements with the county.

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11 county auditor or county treasurer evidencing the indebtedness of a  
12 person to the state, the county, or a salary fund, a warrant may not  
13 be drawn on a county fund in favor of the person, or an agent or  
14 assignee of the person, until:

15               (1) the county treasurer, or the county auditor in a  
16 county without a county treasurer, notifies in writing the person  
17 owing the debt [~~is notified~~] that the debt is outstanding; and

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20 the outstanding balance of debt for which notice is made under  
21 Subsection (b)(1), if the notice includes a statement that the  
22 amount owed by the county to the person may be applied to reduce the  
23 outstanding debt.

24       (d) A county may include a notice in its forms, bonds, or  
25 other agreements stating that the county may offset payments to a  
26 person in accordance with this section.

27       SECTION 5. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to

1 Chapter 55, Code of Criminal Procedure, apply only to an expunction  
2 order received on or after the effective date of this Act.

3 (b) Subsection (g), Article 59.06, Code of Criminal  
4 Procedure, as amended by this Act, applies only to an audit  
5 performed on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1106 passed the Senate on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1106 passed the House, with amendment, on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor