

Amend CSHB 2942 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN COUNTIES

SECTION _____.01. Subchapter A, Chapter 112, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 112.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.011. ELECTRONIC CHECKING ACCOUNT TRANSACTION REGISTER. (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 250,000 or more.

(b) The county treasurer shall maintain the transaction register for the county's checking account as a list in a searchable electronic spreadsheet format, such as a portable document format (PDF) or similar file type, in which the transaction register is readily available for purposes of Subsection (d). Except as provided by Subsection (c), the electronic checking account transaction register must include for each check written from a county checking account:

- (1) the transaction amount;
- (2) the name of the payee; and
- (3) a statement of the purpose of the expenditure for which the check was written.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), beginning September 1, 2010, a county's electronic checking account transaction register must contain the information required by Subsections (b)(1) and (2) for each check dated on or after August 1, 2010. Beginning September 1, 2011, a county's electronic checking account transaction register must contain the information required by Subsections (b)(1) through (3) for each check dated on or after August 1, 2011. This subsection expires October 1, 2011.

(c) A county may not include in the county's electronic checking account transaction register a check issued to:

- (1) a county employee in payment of:
 - (A) salary, wages, or an employment stipend; or
 - (B) a workers' compensation income benefit,
- medical benefit, death benefit, or burial benefit that is issued by a county operating as a self-insurer under Chapter 504, Labor Code;

or

(2) a court-appointed attorney, including an attorney in a juvenile justice court.

(d) A county shall post the electronic checking account transaction register at all times on the county's Internet website for viewing and downloading by interested persons. The county may not charge a fee to a person who views or downloads the electronic checking account transaction register under this subsection.

(e) A county shall:

(1) update the electronic checking account transaction register at least once each month, not later than the 30th day after the closing date of the most recent monthly statement for the checking account; and

(2) maintain each transaction or listing in the electronic checking account transaction register on the county's Internet website until the first anniversary of the date of the transaction or listing.

(f) The county treasurer may consult with the comptroller in developing an electronic checking account transaction register under this section.

(g) This section does not apply to a county that maintains a check registry or a similar comprehensive monthly financial report that was posted on the county's Internet website for public viewing and downloading on or before August 1, 2010.

(h) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a county to provide access to the county's bank account statement or to post additional information, including check numbers, not required under Subsection (b).