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H.B. No. 3698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of county auditors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.002, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 84.002. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR. (a) In a county with a population of 12,000 [~~10,200~~] or more, the district judges shall appoint a county auditor.

(b) In a county with a population of less than 12,000 [~~10,200~~]:

(1) the district judges may appoint a county auditor if the judges determine that the county's financial circumstances warrant the appointment; and

(2) the district judges shall appoint a county auditor if:

(A) the commissioners court finds that a county auditor is necessary to carry out county business and enters an order in its minutes stating the reason for this finding;

(B) the order is certified to the district judges; and

(C) the district judges find the reason stated by the commissioners court to be good and sufficient.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.