

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 2322

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of certain payments by a community supervision and corrections department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 76.004(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The judges described by Section 76.002 may appoint for the department a fiscal officer, other than the county auditor. The fiscal officer is responsible for:

(1) managing and protecting funds, fees, state aid, and receipts to the same extent that a county auditor manages county funds and funds of other local entities;

(2) ensuring that financial transactions of the department are lawful and allowable; ~~and~~

(3) prescribing accounting procedures for the department; and

(4) approving, processing, and signing warrants on department funds deposited in the county treasury.

SECTION 2. Section 113.043, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 113.043. COUNTERSIGNATURE BY COUNTY AUDITOR. In a county with a county auditor, the county treasurer and the county depository may not pay a check or order for payment unless it is countersigned by the county auditor to validate it as a proper and

1 budgeted item of expenditure. This section does not apply to a check
2 or order:

3 (1) for jury service or for restitution collected on
4 behalf of an individual as authorized by law; or

5 (2) drawn against funds of a community supervision and
6 corrections department that has a fiscal officer appointed under
7 Section 76.004(c), Government Code.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.