

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1357  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;  
 1-4 April 27, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 27, 2021,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Bettencourt	X			
1-9 Menéndez			X	
1-10 Eckhardt	X			
1-11 Gutierrez	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Springer	X			
1-16 Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1357 By: Nichols

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to deadlines associated with proposing and adopting a  
 1-22 budget for certain counties.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 111.003(a), Local Government Code, is  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (a) ~~Not later than August 15 [During the 7th or the 10th~~  
 1-27 ~~month of the fiscal year, as determined by the commissioners~~  
 1-28 ~~court],~~ the county judge, assisted by the county auditor or county  
 1-29 clerk, shall prepare a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of  
 1-30 the county government for the succeeding fiscal year.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 111.006(a), Local Government Code, is  
 1-32 amended to read as follows:

1-33 (a) ~~Not later than August 15 [When the county judge has~~  
 1-34 ~~completed the preparation of the budget],~~ the county judge shall  
 1-35 file a copy of the proposed budget with the county clerk.

1-36 SECTION 3. Sections 111.007(b) and (c), Local Government  
 1-37 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-38 (b) The commissioners court shall hold ~~[set]~~ the hearing not  
 1-39 ~~later than the 25th [for a date after the 15th] day after [of the~~  
 1-40 ~~month next following] the day [month in which] the budget is filed~~  
 1-41 ~~under [was prepared in accordance with] Section 111.006 [111.003,~~  
 1-42 ~~Local Government Code,]~~ but before the commissioners court adopts  
 1-43 the county's ad valorem tax rate for the current tax year [date on  
 1-44 which taxes are levied by the court].

1-45 (c) The commissioners court shall give public notice that it  
 1-46 will consider the proposed budget on the date of the hearing. The  
 1-47 notice must state the date, time, and location of the hearing. The  
 1-48 notice must include, in type of a size at least equal to the type  
 1-49 used for other items in the notice, any statement required to be  
 1-50 included in the proposed budget under Section 111.003(b). The  
 1-51 commissioners court shall give notice under this subsection:

1-52 (1) not earlier than the 30th day before the date of  
 1-53 the hearing; and

1-54 (2) not later than the 10th day before the date of the  
 1-55 hearing.

1-56 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a  
 1-57 budget proposed by a county commissioners court for a fiscal year  
 1-58 beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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