

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Submitted to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
For HB 4097

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Hearing Date: April 8, 2025 8:00 AM

Sylvia Coulson  
self- Dietitian  
Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill. Cities must have their audits up to date. If they do not then they cannot go over the No New Revenue rate at budget season. Makes sense for the taxpayers!

Lisa Healy  
Self  
Midlothian, TX

I am in support of this bill. Please vote it out of committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Ricks  
Self  
Midlothian, TX

Dear Members,

I support this bill.

Thank you,  
Linda Ricks

Michele Wallace, Mrs.  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX

I am for this bill

Kathy Ponce  
Self  
Maypearl, TX

I support this bill 100%.

My city, Maypearl, has not had an updated and current audit since 2017. There must start being repercussions for cities that cannot comply with the audit process.  
Please pass this bill out of committee

Sharon Tryon, Mrs  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX

Yes to this bill

Beverly Gatlin  
Self  
Italy, TX

I SUPPORT this Bill.

Vickie Dillow  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX

Support! This is a no brainer for me. Of course cities need to know exactly where they stand financially before they are allowed to raise taxes, they must be responsible with taxpayer money!!!!

Josiah Cline  
Ellis County GOP  
Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill! Cities should have a clear incentive to keep their audits up to date!

Kellye Justice  
Self Employed Real Estate  
Waxahachie, TX

Yes I support this bill.

Caryn Moore, Mrs  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX

Yes all should be up to date on audits!

Tammy Baker  
Self  
Corsicana, TX

I am writing to support HB4097. I am requesting a Yes Vote from All on this Bill. Thank you.

Jeffrey Brasher, City Administrator

City of Seymour

Seymour, TX

House Bill 4097 could pose challenges for small municipalities with limited resources and staff. Completing audits within the 180-day timeframe may be difficult for these municipalities due to constraints such as budget limitations, fewer personnel, transitioning finance directors, identifying a qualified finance director, having them trained, or reliance on external auditors who may have scheduling conflicts. Noncompliance with the bill's requirements could result in penalties, such as restrictions on adopting an ad valorem tax rate exceeding the no-new-revenue tax rate causing even more limitations or problems to a small municipality. I believe this bill has some validity, but the legislature must consider small communities and the many challenges they face regarding completing audits that are out of their control. This could further strain the financial resources of small municipalities, potentially impacting their ability to fund essential services and infrastructure projects. Finding finance directors that can be trained and ensure that the city's finances stay on track is a real and challenging task for many small towns. The City of Seymour just went through this issue. When I took over as City Administrator, we were three audits behind. To catch the City up on our audits has cost the city over \$100,000.00 and well over a year's time. Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Campbell

SELF

Waxahachie, TX

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