

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1474  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law prohibits payment of county funds to a person owing a debt to the state, a county, or salary fund until the person is notified of the outstanding debt and the debt is paid. While current law requires notices of indebtedness to be filed with the county auditor, some counties do not have auditors to perform this function. This bill requires notices of indebtedness to be filed with the county treasurer or the county auditor.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1474 requires notices of indebtedness to be filed with the county treasurer or the county auditor.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 154.025, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 154.025. DISBURSEMENTS TO PERSONS WITH OUTSTANDING DEBT PROHIBITED. Prohibits a warrant from being drawn on a county fund in favor of certain persons, if notice of indebtedness has been filed with the county auditor and county treasurer.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 154.045, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 154.045. DISBURSEMENTS TO PERSON WITH OUTSTANDING DEBT PROHIBITED. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amendment 1.

Page 1, line 8, replace "or" with "and."