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M. NEFF, GOVERNOR
WALTHALL, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR
ESPASAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 28, 1921.

To the Secretary of State:-

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, I hereby file with you House Bill No. 96, with my disapproval and veto.

A law providing that County Auditors should audit the books of school districts would be a wise law. I am heartily in favor of the accounts of all public funds being at all times open to inspection and frequently audited, and would gladly give my approval to such a law with respect to the funds handled by the different school districts throughout the State, but this bill is vetoed for the following reasons:

1. Because it makes of the County Auditor a judge of the law, and his interpretation of the law must be obeyed by the school trustees.

2. Because it vests in the county auditor too much authority, both as to the law and the facts, in regard to school matters.

3. Because it would be a great inconvenience and considerable expense for independent districts outside of the county seat to make a trip to the county auditor to get permission to buy a broom or a cord of wood, or any other school supplies, and then make another trip to have the bill approved and warrant countersigned.

4. Because it would entail many petty annoyances, make the purchase of needed supplies cumbersome, and would, generally speaking, hinder rather than help school work.

Yours sincerely,

Donnell
Governor.

Received in Department of State,

This 28th day of March A.D. 1921
at 5 o'clock and ✓ 5:00 P.M.
L. L. Staley
Secretary of State.