

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the law requires county treasurers in Texas to provide the public with information regarding checks and warrants issued by the county. There are concerns that certain individuals or firms have taken advantage of this situation. These individuals will request the names of people who have not claimed county checks and warrants issued to them, notify these people of these documents and subsequently charge them a considerable fee to recover these checks and warrants. This bill sets forth procedures relating to the collection of warrants or checks issued by a county treasurer in settlement of a claim against a county that has not been presented for payment.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 2185 establishes provisions regarding the collection of certain warrants or checks issued by a county treasurer.

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 Chapter 116E, Local Government Code, by adding Section 116.120, as follows:

Sec. 116.120. COLLECTION OF CERTAIN OVERDUE COUNTY WARRANTS OR CHECKS. Sets forth provisions regarding the collection of overdue warrants or checks issued by a county treasurer in settlement of a claim against a county that has not been presented for payment.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Chapter 116E, Local Government Code, to delete proposed Subsection (c), which authorizes a person attempting to recover a check or warrant that has not been presented for payment to pay the county a certain fee if the county issues a new negotiable check or warrant.