

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the working papers of a county auditor are subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act. As proposed, S.B. 1581 provides an exception to the Public Information Act for the working papers of a county auditor.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 84Z, Local Government Code, by adding Section 84.903, as follows:

Sec. 84.903. AUDIT WORKING PAPER EXCEPTED FROM REQUIRED PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. (a) Defines “audit” and “audit working paper.”

(b) Provides that an audit working paper of an audit of a county auditor is excepted from required public disclosure under the public information law, Chapter 552, Government Code (Public Information). Provides that if information in an audit working paper is also maintained in another record, this section does not except that other record from required public disclosure under the public information law.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act retroactive.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.