

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 938, § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

§ 111.0708. PLEDGING REVENUE AS SECURITY FOR BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. In preparing a county budget, a county may secure county bonds or other obligations by pledging for the term of the bonds or other obligations:

(1) any security authorized by law; or

(2) any revenue or receipts obtained by the county

from the levy of a state tax if the state is required to pay the county the proceeds or receipts from the tax.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1197, § 8, eff. June 20, 1997.

§ 111.0709. CHANGES IN BUDGET FOR COUNTY PURPOSES. This subchapter does not prevent the commissioners court from making changes in the budget for county purposes.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1197, § 8, eff. June 20, 1997.

§ 111.071. BUDGET OFFICER'S ASSISTANCE TO COMMISSIONERS COURT. The budget officer may assist the commissioners court in the performance of the court's duties relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of county operations.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.072. DUTIES RETAINED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. The duties given under Subchapter B to the county auditor that are not expressly conferred by this subchapter on the budget officer remain duties of the county auditor.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.073. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL. The commissioners court may employ personnel necessary to assist the budget officer in the performance of the duties of that office.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.074[0]. LIMITATION ON BUDGET OF COUNTY AUDITOR. An increase from one fiscal year to the next in the amount budgeted for expenses of the county auditor's office or the salary of an assistant auditor shall not exceed five (5) percent without approval of the commissioners court.

Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 600, § 5, eff. June 15, 1991;
Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 739, § 3, eff. Aug. 26, 1991.

§ 111.075. RESERVE ITEM. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a county may establish in the budget a reserve or contingency item. The item must be included in the itemized budget under Section 111.063(a) in the same manner as a project for which an appropriation is established in the budget.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 301, § 7, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

SUBCHAPTER D. BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

§ 111.091. APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS. (a) On the adoption and certification of a general or special county budget, the county auditor shall open an appropriation account for each main budgeted or special item in the budget.

(b) The county auditor shall enter to an appropriation account each warrant drawn against that appropriation.

(c) The county auditor periodically shall inform the commissioners court of the condition of the appropriation accounts.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.092. DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED APPROPRIATIONS. The county auditor shall oversee the warrant process to ensure that the expenses of any department do not exceed the budget appropriations for that department.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.093. APPROPRIATIONS FOR PURCHASES, CONTRACTS, SALARIES, OR LABOR EXPENSES IN COUNTY WITH POPULATION OF MORE THAN 225,000. (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of more than 225,000.

(b) The county auditor shall charge all purchase orders, requisitions, contracts, and salary and labor allowances to the appropriation accounts.

(c) A requisition issued or a contract for work, labor, services, or materials and supplies that is entered into in the manner provided by law by a proper authority is not binding until the county auditor certifies that the budget contains an ample provision for the obligation and that funds are or will be available to pay the obligation when due.

(d) The amount allocated in the budget for a purchase order, requisition, contract, special purpose, or salary or labor account may not be allocated for any other purpose unless an unexpended balance remains in the account after full discharge of the obligation or unless the requisition, contract, or allocation is canceled in writing by the commissioners court or a county officer for a valid reason.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 111.094. ITEMIZED BUDGET. The commissioners court in preparing the county budget shall determine the amount of county funds to be spent for the juvenile probation department in the county budget.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1197, § 9, eff. June 20, 1997.

§ 111.095. SPECIAL FUNDS. (a) This section shall apply to all funds maintained and controlled by a county tax assessor-collector that are not included in the county budget.

(b) At least 60 days before the first day of the county's fiscal year, the county tax assessor-collector shall prepare a budget for the expenditure of the funds during that fiscal year and file a copy of that budget with the county budget officer. The county budget officer shall make a copy of the budget filed with the budget officer available to the public at all reasonable times. The budget filed with the county budget officer is not subject to approval by the commissioners court of the county, but any member of the public is entitled to speak for or against the budget during the county's budget process. Funds in the accounts under this section may be spent only in compliance with the budget filed with the county budget officer under this subsection.

(c) Funds in the accounts under this section may not be used to supplement the salary or cover the personal expenses of the county tax assessor-collector.

(d) The provisions of this section are cumulative with the provisions of other statutes pertaining to county funds.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 938, § 4, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

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