
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows a board of county commissioners to hold its regular meetings at a location other than the county seat and to provide the county engineer with an office at a location outside of the county seat. In addition, the bill expands the list of permitted uses on which counties may expend their shares of certain state fuel taxes. The bill is permissive; any increase in expenditures would be at the discretion of the board of county commissioners.

The bill requires a board that chooses to hold its meetings or to provide the county engineer with a location outside of the county seat to give reasonable public notice. While public notice is required for all public meetings by elected county officials, it is possible that additional notice would be required for meetings held outside of the county seat in order to ensure that the citizens of the county were aware of the new location. Also, providing the county engineer with an office and/or holding commission meetings outside of the county seat could require the expenditure of county funds for rental or purchase of space and equipment such as phones, coping machines, computers, etc...

While additional expenses could be incurred for any number of items, the bill is permissive and does not require either that the county commissioners hold meetings outside of the county seat or that the county engineer have an office outside of the county seat.

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