
Local Government Committee

HB 1005

Brief Description: Determining rates for the rental of county equipment.

Sponsors: Representative Kessler.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorizes a county government to designate an appointee to set rates for the rental of equipment owned by the county's road equipment revolving fund.

Hearing Date: 1/11/07

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

Background:

State law requires a county to establish an "equipment rental and revolving fund" in the county treasury. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for the following:

- The purchase, repair, and maintenance of county road department equipment;
- The purchase or manufacture of materials and supplies for the county road department; and
- The administration and operation of the fund.

The fund is created from monies obtained from the various county departments who pay into it for the use of the equipment owned by the fund. The monies paid into the fund out of the budgets of these county departments, in turn, provide for the purchase and maintenance of county road department equipment.

The fund must be administered by the county engineer or other appointee of the county government. The duties of the fund administrator include responsibility for the establishment of terms and charges for the sale of materials or supplies purchased, maintained, or manufactured with moneys from the fund.

Equipment owned by the fund may be subject to rental by county departments to provide funding for the costs of equipment replacement, materials and supplies, and maintenance and repair. The rental rates must be determined by the county engineer and are subject to annual review by the county government. Existing law allows only the county engineer to determine rental rates.

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Summary of Bill:

A county government is authorized to designate an appointee to set rates for the rental of equipment owned by the county's road equipment revolving fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.