

Reminder

It's not too late to register and attend the County Auditor's Fall Conference at Galveston.

The conference runs from October 20-23, 2009. Galveston and Harris County have put together an outstanding array of topics and have also managed to work in a few really fun activities when you are not attending class.

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Message from the President



It has been one of my greatest privileges to have been able to serve the superb folks in TACA this year and surprisingly enough it still excites me. I have had the opportunity to meet so many great people and deal with some very diverse issues. What a learning curve, but, my time drinking from the proverbial fire hose is almost over. Rest assured that I know that there is still a little bit more work to do for TACA and I won't let go until my part is done.

We can be thankful that we had a successful year and I will talk about that more later on. Galveston will be a great place to end my term and I look forward to handing the reins over to Edward Dion and his leadership team. They will do a great job for us.

Before my watch is over though I will get to welcome those who can attend to our annual conference in Galveston and spend some time with you renewing old friendships and finalizing our associations business at the annual business meeting. Our friends in Harris and Galveston Counties have worked very hard to put together a great program for us. My thanks to Barbara Schott, Cliff Billingsly, and Janet Norstrom among others and the other great folks in these two counties for taking on this gigantic task!

As you well remember, just before our conference last year, a hurricane wreaked havoc on Galveston. Just one short year later, it is a miracle that we are even able to talk about meeting here. It is a true story of resilience and the strength of these communities and the great Texans that live there.

Well done Galveston!

In spite of the fact that our principle legislation got derailed at the VERY last minute, I think we had a successful legislative year. I base my conclusion upon the fact that we effectively engaged our legislators and got them to listen to our point of view. Our voices mattered on so many different legislative questions that it would be hard to pick out just one. We did not sit back and let things happen to us, we entered the arena and it made a difference.

Well done TACA members! Although there were several harmful bills out there, committee members listened to you and those bills did not succeed. Perhaps one of my proudest moments occurred when so many of us came before the House County Affairs Committee and testified against HB 561. There were also several of us there at 2 am one morning to testify against the population bracket bill and it failed as well.

Edward Dion, April Bacon, and Chuck Rice were awesome, my thanks to each of you on TACA's behalf. I would also like to thank Susan Spataro for having the foresight to hire someone like April and to be so willing to share her with us. What a benefit for us.

The great thing about serving as your President is that we get to see all of the cogs that help TACA work as a well oiled machine. We are professionals whose plates are so full with our day to day work that it is almost impossible to believe that some will offer their service for the benefit of TACA. Yet many do.

Our committee chairs perform yeoman like service. The Institute this year was one of the best I've attended. Kirk did a great job, but to do so he had the help of MANY other TACA members volunteering their

time and talents to make sure things happened. Ellen Friar is a great Treasurer and friend to many of us and has spent countless hours helping others in so many ways. Not to mention the fact that she also does the Comments. What a blessing she is.

Jackie Latham has served us very well as Education Chair. Another of our success stories is our On the Road Training (OTRAT) program. We have held four OTRAT's now and all have been well received. OTRAT's work because TACA members set aside time to host them and believe you me, that is a huge task for those that host these events. My hat is off to the Auditor's and their staff members who take this on. The benefit to TACA in general is immeasurable. Please let our Education Chair know if you are interested in hosting an OTRAT at some point. I am sure that they will sign you right up.

I've mentioned these few, but all serving the board this year are more than pulling their weight. TACA is strong because of each of you and your willingness to be involved. But, we are always looking for fresh faces and ideas. Please consider serving on a committee, as a board member, or as an officer if the opportunity affords itself to you.

As I close please let me thank each of you for the gifts of your time, your kindness in word or deed and your prayers. You have honored me by helping me and I will never forget this period of my life. I serve with honorable people and deeply respect what you do for the great citizens of Texas. County government is strong because of your integrity and courage. I have enjoyed serving TACA and will be there in the wings as my predecessors have done, should you need me.


TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR'S 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER - 20TH TO 23RD - 2009, HOSTED BY THE HARRIS AND GALVESTON COUNTY AUDITORS
Soak up some great CPE at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

Where else after each day of gaining valuable information specifically related to your position as a County Auditor can you walk over to a beach, rainforest, aquarium, and IMAX pyramid.

If that's not enough, you can also play golf, fish, and travel into the past by visiting the History of Flight Museum, the Railroad Museum, Victorian mansions and a 19th Century Strand.

A full class agenda will be available this summer. Register early for the conference to reserve your spot. Please complete a separate registration form for each participant

Sample of Classes	Registration Information	Hotel Information
How to work with the Media from the Media's Perspective Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Framework for Internal Control Continuous Auditing and Monitoring How to Audit a Constable's Office PCI Compliance FMLA How to Audit Tax Office Refunds	Registration includes admission to classes Tuesday through Friday, activities, and most meals. \$280 pp <i>Guest program includes evening activities, one Thursday afternoon activity, and an excursion on Wednesday</i> \$130 pp <i>Note: An agenda will be sent to each registrant as soon as it is finalized</i>	Moody Gardens, Spa & Convention Center \$146 + tax a night 888-388-8484 for reservations 
To register complete the registration information below for each attendee and forward it via	e-mail janet.norstrom@aud.hctx.net fax 713-755-8966	or mail: Systems & Procedures HC Auditor's Office 1310 Prairie, Suite 1400 Houston, Tx 77002
Name	Title	County
E-Mail	Phone #	PO/Ref #

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Please indicate which optional events, if any, you plan to attend below:

Tuesday's Afternoon Session	Yes	No	
Presidents Banquet	Yes	No	
Thursday Afternoon activity:	Golf (Please include an additional \$20)	Fishing	Other/ free time
Casino Night	Yes	No.	

GUEST INFORMATION

Name _____

Wednesday Guest Activity- Indicated which one you will be attending. If none/please mark Other	Reliant/Port Tour	Space Center Houston	Other
Wednesday's Presidents Banquet	Yes	No	
Thursday Afternoon Activity - Indicated which one you will be attending. If none, please mark Other	Golf (Please include an additional \$20)	Fishing	Other
Casino Night	Yes	No	

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Auditor Spotlight

New Appointments

Linda Barnette, Hockley Co.
 Kathy Hollomon, Navarro Co.
 Jeff May, Collin Co.

Re-Appointed

Larry Crump, Gillespie Co.
 Michelle Darilek, Jackson Co.
 James Wells, Denton Co.
 Cheryl Roberts, Young Co.
 Lezlie Kirk, Aransas Co.

Suzanne Bauer, Hopkins Co.
 Susan Swilling, Hill Co.
 Shirley Anderson, Red River Co.
 Celeste Jones, Castro Co.
 Richie Rivers, Grayson Co.
 Keith Barber, Nacogdoches Co.
 Stan McBroom, Hood Co.
 Alice Chapman, Uvalde Co.
 Ramona Seward, Clay Co.
 Kirk Kirkpatrick, Johnson Co.
 Ellen Friar, Ward Co.

Edward Dion, El Paso Co.
 Jeannie Hargis, Kerr Co.
 Kerry Hood, Potter Co.
 Steve Moss, McClennan Co.
 Lajuana Kasprzyk, Karnes Co.
 Sheila Johnson, Trinity Co.
 Scott Dyer, Fannin Co.
 Joyce Moore, Tyler Co.
 Sharon Boedeker, Wharton Co.

81st Legislative Session-Update

Bill, HB 144, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective immediately, Caption, Relating to an additional filing fee for civil cases filed in Bexar County, New Fee, 15, Comments, to collect a filing fee of not more than \$15 in each civil case filed in the court to be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the Bexar County civil and criminal courts.

Bill, HB 666, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to certain costs used to fund drug court programs., 40179, Old Fee, \$50, New Fee, \$60, Comments, increase an existing \$50 drug court cost, which is currently assessed on the conviction of certain intoxication and drug offenses, to \$60 for drug and alcohol related offenses as listed in the Penal Code, Chapter 49 and the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481.

Bill, HB 1665, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the penalty imposed on defaulting jurors. Old Fee, \$10-\$100, New Fee, \$100-\$500, Comments, increases the amounts that no-show jurors may be fined to not less than \$100 and not more than \$500.

Bill, HB 3389, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; providing civil and administrative penalties. New Fee, 0.1, Comments, relates to a defendant convicted of a mov-

ing violation. The bill amends Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 102, by adding Article 102.022, establishing a new \$.10 fee for convictions of moving violations in a justice court, county court, county court at law, or municipal court to be remitted to the comptroller and deposited in the Civil Justice Repository fund. The funds are to be used only by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits., New Fee, \$4, Comments, The bill amends Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 102, adding Article 102.0169, to create a new \$4.00 county and district court technology fee as a court cost for a defendant convicted in county court, statutory county court, or district court. The fee will apply in all county court, statutory county court or district court convictions. The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 102, §102.041, to create a new \$4.00 county and district court technology fee as a court cost for a defendant convicted in district court; The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 102, §102.081, to create a new \$4.00 county and district court technology fee as a court cost for a defendant convicted

in county court. The fee must be deposited into the county treasury in a fund to be known as the county and district court technology fund and administered by or under the direction of the commissioners court of the county.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits., \$5, New Fee, 10, Comments, The bill amends Local Government Code, §133.153(a), to increase the Filing fee for statutory and constitutional courts from \$5.00 to \$10. The bill amends Government Code, §101.1214(10) and §101.1214(11), to increase the Filing fee for county courts from \$5.00 to \$10 to fund civil legal services for indigent. The bill amends Local Government Code, §101.0814, adding conforming language to increase the filing fee for filing any civil action or proceeding from \$5.00 to \$10 to fund civil legal services for the indigent. The bill amends Local Government Code, §101.1013, to increase the Filing fee for any civil action Filed in a statutory probate court from \$5.00 to \$10 to fund civil legal services for indigent.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to

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costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits. Old Fee, \$2, New Fee, \$6, Comments, and the Filing fee for justice of the peace courts from \$2.00 to \$6.00.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits. New Fee, 10, Comments, The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 51, adding §51.708, to create an additional Filing fee not to exceed \$10 in each civil case filed in the court to be used for court record preservation in the county and retained locally in a court record preservation account in the county treasury. The funds in the account may be used only to digitize court records and preserve the records from natural disasters. The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 101, adding §101.06117, to create an additional Filing fee not to exceed \$10 in certain civil cases filed in district court to fund the preservation of court records. The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 101, adding §101.08115, to establishing an additional Filing fee not to exceed \$10 in certain civil cases filed in statutory county courts cases to fund the preservation of court records.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits., Old Fee, \$37, New Fee, \$42, Comments, and increases the additional Filing fee from \$37 to \$42 to be used for court-related purposes for the support of the judiciary.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to

costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits. New Fee, \$10, Comments, The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 101, adding §101.12124, establishing an additional Filing fee in county courts not to exceed \$10 in certain civil cases to fund the preservation of court records.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits. Old Fee, \$2, New Fee, \$6, Comments, The bill amends Government Code, §101.141(b), to increase the Filing fee for justice courts from \$2.00 to \$6.00 court to fund civil legal services for indigent.

Bill, HB 3637, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to filing fees in civil actions and proceedings and the use of those fees, to costs on conviction in certain courts, to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties, and to the appointment of counsel in certain suits. Old Fee, \$5, New Fee, \$50, Comments, and increases the juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti eradication fee from \$5.00 to \$50

Bill, HB 4529, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective immediately, Caption, Relating to court reporter service fees in certain counties. Old Fee, \$15, New Fee, \$30, Comments, Official Court Reporter Serving the Texas-Mexico Border Effective June 19, 2009. The bill amends Government Code, §103.0211, adding conforming language to require a court reporter service fee of \$30 in specified counties.

Bill, HB 4833, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E See remarks for effective date, Caption, Relating to the creation of district courts and statutory county courts and to the composition of juvenile boards in certain counties. New Fee, \$1,000, Comments, amends Health and Safety

Code, adding Chapter 617, to create a Veterans Court Program. The bill allows a participant in the program to pay a reasonable program fee not to exceed \$1,000; and a testing, counseling, and treatment fee in an amount necessary to cover the costs of any testing, counseling, or treatment performed or provided under the program.

Bill, SB 61, Last Action, 05/29/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the offense of failing to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle and to fines for the offense. New Fee, \$0.15, Comments, changes the range of fines for child safety seat violations from "not more than \$100" to "not more than \$25 for the first offense to not more than \$250 for subsequent offenses. It also added a new "Child Safety Seat Fund" court cost to convictions of the child safety seat laws. This is a 15 cent per conviction court cost and it is my nomination for the most worthless law for a good cause passed this session. It's only expected to raise \$40,000 or so statewide, so it's not going to be worth the trouble it will take to administer. amends Transportation Code, §545.412, by amending subsections (a) and (b) and adding subsection (b-1) that adds an additional \$0.15 as a court cost on conviction for failing to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle. The fee is to be remitted to the comptroller. The bill amends Government Code, Chapter 102, adding §102.104, which is conforming language to create an additional \$0.15 on court costs on convictions in justice courts.

Bill, SB 82, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to a fee imposed as a condition of community supervision for an offense involving family violence and to certain nonsubstantive revisions involving court fees. Old Fee, \$10, New Fee, \$20, Comments, amends Government Code, §103.021, adding conforming language to: require a defendant to pay a fee for requesting a driving record from the Department of Public Safety in an amount equal to the sum of the fee established by Transportation Code, §521.048 (Certified Information), and the TexasOnline fee, rather than current \$10 fee; require a defendant to pay a fee for a

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teen court program (Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 45.052) of \$20

"Bill, SB 727, Last Action, 06/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system. New Fee, \$34, Comments, amends Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 102.020, by adding subsections (a)(3), and (j) to require a person to pay \$34 on placement of the person on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, if the person is required to submit a DNA sample under Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, §11(j), and the court may waive a court cost under this article if the court determines that the defendant is indigent and unable to pay the cost."

"Bill, SB 727, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system. New Fee, 50, Comments, amends Family Code, Chapter 54, adding §54.0462, to require a juvenile court in certain cases to order the child, parent or other persons responsible for the child's support to pay to the court as a cost of court a \$50 fee if the disposition of the case includes a commitment to a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas youth Commission, and a \$34 fee if the disposition of the case does not include a commitment and the child is required to submit a DNA sample. The fee may be waived if the court determines that the child, parent or other persons responsible for the child's support is unable to pay the fee."

"Bill, SB 1969, Last Action, Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and correction in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, to conforming codifications, and repeal of unconstitutional, New Fee, 20, Comments, (E) A supplemental court-initiated guardianship fee (Secs. 118.052 and 118.067, Local Government Code) .A.A. \$20;"

"Bill, SB 1969, Last Action, Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and correction in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codifi-

cation or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, to conforming codifications, and repeal of unconstitutional, New Fee, 500, Comments, fees for a pretrial intervention program:

(A) a supervision fee (Art. 102.012(a) 17 S.B.A.No.A1969, 141 [102.012], Code of Criminal Procedure) . [not to exceed] \$60 a month plus expenses;

and (B) a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney administrative fee (Art. 102.0121, Code of Criminal Procedure) .A.A. not to exceed \$500;"

"Bill, SB 1969, Last Action, Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and correction in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, to conforming codifications, and repeal of unconstitutional, Old Fee, \$10, New Fee, \$20, Comments, (3)A Administrative fee on remediation of charge of driving with an expired inspection certificate (Sec. 548.605, Transportation Code) .A.A. not to exceed \$20 [\$10];"

Bill, SB 658, Last Action, 05/19/2009 E Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Sixth Court of Appeals District., New Fee, \$5, Comments, To fund the system, the commissioners court shall set a court costs fee of \$5 for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county court, probate court, or district court in the county.

Bill, SB 659, Last Action, 05/19/2009 Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Twelfth Court of Appeals District. New Fee, \$5, Comments, To fund the system, the commissioners court shall set a court costs fee of \$5 for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county court, probate court, or district court in the county.

"Bill, SB 1208, Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective on 9/1/09, Caption, Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Seventh Court of Appeals District., New Fee, 5, Comments, amends Government Code, Chapter 22, by adding §22.2081, to create an appellate judicial system for the Seventh

Court of Appeals District. To fund the system, the county commissioners court in each county in the Seventh District is required to set a court fee of \$5.00 for each civil suit Filed in county court, county court at law, probate court or district court in the county."

"Bill, SB 1685 , Last Action, 06/19/2009 E Effective immediately, Caption, Relating to the creation of a district court records technology fund. New Fee, 5, Comments, Establishes the District Court Archives fee of not more than \$5 per on civil filings (suit, appeal from inferior court, cross-action, counterclaim, intervention, contempt action, motion for new trial, or third-party petition) in District Court as part of the County's Annual Budget. Fee must be set and included as part of County's Budget process and must be approved in public meeting. Fee is for the preservation and restoration services in connection with maintaining a district court archive.

The main purpose of this fee is to digitize records for archiving purposes.

District Clerk must designate court documents that are part of the archive, subject to Commissioners Court approval in public meeting. District Clerk must prepare annual written plan for the preservation and restoration of district court records archive.

Commissioners Court must publish notice of public hearing on the plan not later than the 15th day before the hearing.

Notice of fee must be posted in District Clerk's Office with specific language: "THE COMMISSIONERS COURTS OF _____ COUNTY HAS DETERMINED THAT A RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE OF \$___ IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE DISTRICT COURT RECORDS."

Excess fees after completion of a project may be used for records management and preservation purposes authorized under Sect. 51.317(d).

Commissioners Court cannot authorize fee after project is complete."

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