

HB 3000 -- AUDITS OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Perkins)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS (Section 29.230)

Currently, the number of signatures needed for a petition requesting the State Auditor to audit a political subdivision is determined based on the number of qualified voters of the political subdivision that cast votes in the last gubernatorial election prior to the filing of the petition.

This bill requires the number of signatures needed to be determined based on the number of qualified voters of the political subdivision that cast votes in the last gubernatorial election prior to the requesting of the petition.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS (Section 321.295)

This bill allows the board of directors of a fire protection district to distribute surplus or unneeded supplies or property to volunteer fire protection associations, to other fire protection districts, to fire departments, to eligible donees for the federal surplus property program, and to nonprofit organizations and public service corporations that provide training to fire departments, EMTs, or police officers.

The bill also allows these boards to sell certain surplus or unneeded supplies or property to the general public. The board must obtain certain information detailed in the bill for items with a value of \$500 or less. All items with a value over \$500 will be sold by public auction or sealed bid.

Donations must not be made to board members, officers, or employees of the fire protection district, or their relatives, or an entity of which any such person is a board member. Sales to the same individuals must not be made except by an online auction on a platform approved by the Office of Administration.

The bill allows the board of directors of a fire protection district to conduct or authorize an audit of any transfer, donation, or sale of surplus or unneeded property made by the district. Such audit can include reviewing record, receipts, and documentation required to be maintained under the bill to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the

district. The results of any audit must be made available to the governing body of the fire protection district.

This bill is similar to SB 644 (2025).