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HB 1378: Local Government Debt Transparency

Debt Obligation Reporting under Local Government Code, Section 140.008 Overview

The 84th Legislature passed HB 1378

(http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/84R/billtext/pdf/HB01378F.pdf#navpanes=0) to increase the transparency of local government debt. Under Local Government Code § 140.008 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.140.htm), political subdivisions, including counties, cities, school districts, junior college districts, special purpose districts, and other subdivisions of state government must annually compile their debt obligation data from the preceding fiscal year and either:

- 1. report it to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for posting or, alternatively,
- 2. post the information on their own websites.

For those who chose the first option above, the Comptroller's office has developed the <u>Annual Local Debt Report (XLS) (debt-report-form.xlsx)</u> form and an online submission form to enable entities or their third-party representatives to compile and submit the required information:

- Download, complete and save the Annual Local Debt Report form. Save these forms according to the following convention: "Annual Local Debt Report_Name of Political Subdivision_2016".
- Next, access the online submission form and upload your completed Annual Local Debt Report.

Local Debt Submission Form (apply.php)

Reporting Deadlines

Political subdivisions shall report the required information via Option 1 or 2 above:

- within 210 days of the end of the political subdivision's fiscal year in 2016;
- thereafter, within 180 days of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year.
 - + <u>Submission Deadlines by Fiscal Year End</u>

Required Debt Obligation Reporting

The Comptroller's office is charged with adopting rules for the implementation of Local Government Code 140.008. These rules are in development and will establish the format, submission and web posting and/or web linking of reporting of political subdivisions' required annual debt information, including that of water districts described in Chapter 49 of the Water Code. This website serves as the Comptroller's standing guidance while rules to implement Local Government Code 140.008 are in development.

Specifically, the rules will:

- a. Provide definitions: Define terms (terms.php) used in the Comptroller's Annual Local Debt Report Form
- b. Provide a form for reporting local debt information:

The Comptroller's Annual Local Debt Report forms can be obtained from the Comptroller's Local Government Debt Transparency site or by emailing staff at transparency@cpa.texas.gov. The Comptroller may update or otherwise change the form as needed.

c. Address deadlines and other requirements for political subdivisions to complete and post their annual debt information:

Annually and within 210 days of the end of each political subdivisions' fiscal year in 2016, and thereafter within 180 days of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year, all political subdivisions, including cities and counties with populations below 15,000 and 35,000, respectively, shall either:

- submit via upload to the Comptroller's website the completed Annual Local Debt Report Form
 provided by the Comptroller and continually maintain a link from their website to the section of the
 Comptroller's <u>website (apply.php)</u> specifically created for local debt reporting per Local Government
 Code 140.008
- OR may elect to post required annual debt information on their own websites. While use of the Comptroller's Annual Local Debt Report Form itself is optional, all items on it must be included in political subdivisions' debt reporting. All political subdivisions deciding to publish their required debt information on their own websites must:
 - 1. ensure their report is posted continuously on their website until it posts the next year's report, and
 - 2. continuously post their main office contact information on their website, including the physical address, the mailing address, the main telephone number, and an email address.
- d. Offer an alternative for water districts for compliance:

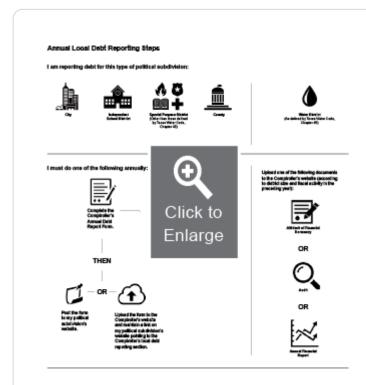
Water districts described in Chapter 49 of the Water Code may submit via web upload one of the following to the Comptroller's Office within 210 days of the end of the fiscal year completed in 2016 and thereafter, annually and within 180 days of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year: an annual financial report, an audit or an affidavit of financial dormancy.

e. Establish Comptroller's role in implementing LGC 140.008:

The Comptroller must receive the Annual Local Debt Report from political subdivisions, including cities and counties with populations below 15,000 and 35,000, respectively, post them on the Comptroller's

website, and must ensure that each political subdivision's report is easily located via a search function. The Comptroller receives and posts on its website one of the following for each water district as defined by Chapter 49 of the Water Code: an annual report, an affidavit of financial dormancy, or an audit.

If you have questions, please contact us. (mailto:transparency@cpa.texas.gov)



Not sure what HB 1378 means for you? View our annual debt report reporting steps diagram to get started.

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Required Plug-ins

[Adobe Reader (http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions/), MS Excel Viewer (http://www.microsoft.com/enus/download/default.aspx)]

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Annual Local Debt Reporting Steps

I am reporting debt for this type of political subdivision:



website.



Independent School District



Special Purpose District (Other than those defined by Texas Water Code, Chapter 49)

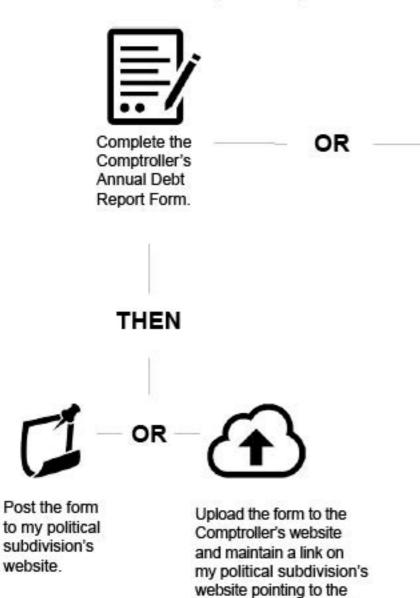


County



Water District (As defined by Texas Water Code, Chapter 49)

I must do one of the following annually:



Comptroller's local debt

reporting section.



Compile local debt information, as itemized on Comptroller's Annual Debt Report Form, and post that information to my political subdivision's website.

Upload one of the following documents to the Comptroller's website (according to district size and fiscal activity in the preceding year):



OR





Annual Financial Report

- Tab 1 Contact Information
- Tab 2 Summary of Debt Obligations
- Tab 3 Individual Debt Obligations
- Tab 4 Additional Notes
- Tab 5 Optional Reporting
- <u>Tab 6</u> Instructions and Glossary

Per House Bill 1378 (84R), all political subdivisions must annually report specific information on their debt obligations. either complete this form and electroncially submit it to the Comptroller or may post the required information in this for information, while yellow areas indicate optional information. Consult Tab 6 of this workbook for instructions and defin Subdivision_2016".

Information related to the Political Subdivision											
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Political	subdivision type (click on response	If you answered									
subdivision	cell to see drop-	other" to #2,		Address				Address	Address		
name	down menu):	specify here	line 1	line 2	City	County	Zip code	line 1	line 2	City	

NOTE: Please review information submitted carefully. All submissions will be posted as-is and will not be subject to editing, ana

This form is designed to capture that information. Political subdivisions may rm on their web sites. Note that blue areas of this workbook signify required litions. Save this form as "Annual Local Debt Report_Name of Political

		Contact information for the person submitting this report				
paddress (if different address) Political subdivision main telephone county Zip code number	Political subdivision main email address	Most recently completed fiscal year (mm/dd/yyyy-mm/dd/yyyy) for which data will be reported in this form	Name	Title	Email	Phone

ilysis or manipulation by Comptroller staff.

Please complete each of the blue fields for all debt obligations in aggregate (or total) as of the last day of the politic

year. All responses except for those in columns J and K should be in U.S. Dollars.

Total Tax-Supported and Re	evenue Debt		ecured by Ad Va mbination tax an obligations)	Per Capita Total Debt secured			
Total authorized debt obligations: I otal principal of all outstanding debt obligations:	Combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full:	Total authorized debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation:	Total principal of all outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation:	Combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation on time and in full:	Total authorized debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation expressed as a per capita amount (required for municipalities, counties, and school districts only):	Total principal of outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation as a per capita amount (required for municipalities, counties, and school districts only):	

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cal subdivision's most recently completed fiscal

by Ad Valorem Taxation (includes combination tax and revenue debt obligations)

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OPTIONAL

ase fill in each column for EACH outstanding debt obligation as of the last day of the political subdivision's most recently completed fiscal year. NOTE: Please review the information submitted carefully. All submission be posted as-is and will not be subject to editing, analysis or manipulation by Comptroller staff.

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outstanding debt obligation	If debt is conduit or component debt, enter related entity name here:		principal outstanding	combined principal and interest required to pay each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full	final maturity date	secured in any way by ad valorem taxes (Y/N)	total proceeds received	proceeds spent	proceeds unspent	official stated purpose for which the debt obligation was authorized			ng (enter any that ap			explanation of repayment source
	related entity name here:			obligation on time and in full		ad valorem taxes (1714				authorized Moody	s S&P	Fitch	other rating (if applicable)	Other Rating Source (if applicable)	unrated (Y/N)	
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4 - Additional Notes

Additional Notes: Please use this space to enter any other information the political subdivision considers relevant or necessary to explain information submitted in this form.

lease complete each of the yellow fields for all debt obligations in aggregate (or total) as of the last day of the political subdivision's most recently completed fiscal year.											
		Response		Code							
or poli	tical subdivisions other than school districts, muncipalities a	nd counties									
1	Total authorized debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation expressed as a per capita amount for political subdivisions other than municipalities, school districts and counties.		Sum all authorized debt obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt in this calculation. Divide this sum by the population of the political subdivision for the corresponding year of debt obligation data. The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #1.This is a	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
2	Population total used to calculate per capita figure in #1:		population total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
3	Source and year of population estimate used to calculate per capita figure in #1:		The source of population data comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #1.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
4	Total principal on outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation expressed as a per capita amount:		Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Ensure that the population data matches	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
5	Population total used to calculate per capita figure in #4:		The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #4.This is a population total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
6	Source and year of population estimate used to calculate per capita figure in #4:		The source of population data comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #4.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
7	Total combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding ad valorem-secured debt obligations on time and in full, expressed as a per capita amount:		Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Add to this the cost of debt service for these debt obligations. Divide this total by the population of the political subdivision. Ensure that the population data matches time frame of the fiscal year for which you are reporting.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
8	Population total used to calculate per capita figure in #7:		The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #7.This is a population total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
9	Source and year of population estimate used to calculate per capita figure in #7:		The source of population data comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #7.	140.008(b)(3)(A)							
r all p	olitical subdivisions										
10	Total authorized and outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation, expressed as a per capita amount, projected as of the last day of the maximum term of the most recent debt obligation:		Sum any and all authorized debt obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Divide this by the projected population of the political subdivision as of the entity's last day of the maximum term of the most recently issued debt obligation.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
11	Population projection total used to calculate per capita figure in #10:		The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #10.This is a population projection total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
12	Source and year of population projection used to calculate per capita figure in #10:		The source of population projection comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #10.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
13	Date of last day of maximum term of most recently issued debt obligation in #10(MM/DD/YYYY):		The bill asks for the "most recent debt obligation" which is interpreted to mean the most recently issued debt obligation issued by the political subdivision.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
14	Total principal on outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation expressed as a per capita amount, projected as of the last day of the maximum term of the most recently issued debt obligation:		Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Divide by the projected population total for the political subdivision corresponding to the last day of the maximum term of the most recently issued debt obligation.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
15	Population projection total used to calculate per capita figure in #14:		The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #14.This is a population projection total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
16	Source and year of population projection used to calculate per capita figure in #14:		The source of the population projection comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #14.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
17	Date of last day of maximum term of most recently issued debt obligation in #14(MM/DD/YYYY):		The bill asks for the "most recent debt obligation" which is interpreted to mean the most recently issued debt obligation issued by the political subdivision.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
18	Total combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding ad valorem-secured debt obligations on time and in full, expressed as a per capita amount, projected as of the last day of the maximum term of the most recently issued debt obligation:		Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Add to this the cost of debt service for these debt obligations. Divide this total by the projected population of the political subdivision corresponding to the last day of the maximum term of the most recently issued debt obligation.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
19	Population total used to calculate per capita figure in #18:		The denominator used to calculate per capita figure requested in #18.This is a population projection total for your entity.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
20	Source and year of population estimate used to calculate projected per capita figure in #18:		The source of the population projection comprising the denominator of per capita figure in #18.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							
21	Date of last day of maximum term of most recently issued debt obligation in #18(MM/DD/YYYY):		The bill asks for the "most recent debt obligation" which is interpreted to mean the most recently issued debt obligation issued by the political subdivision.	140.008(b)(3)(C)							

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Item #/Column		Definitions	Directions	References, Local Government Code
Tab 1: Contact I	nformation			
1	political subdivision name	Political subdivisions are counties, municipalities, school districts, junior college districts, other special districts, or other subdivisions of state government (Local Government Code, section 140.008 (a) (2))	Enter the legal name of your political subdivision.	140.008(2)
	political subdivision type	Political subdivisions are counties, municipalities, school districts, junior college districts, other special districts, or other subdivisions of state government (Local Government Code, section 140.008 (a) (2))	Click on the item 2 cell to access the drop down menu. Select the appropriate type of political entity from the list. If you select "other", you must fill in the blank to the right to specify the type.	140.008(2)
Tab 2: Summary	y of Debt Obligations			
		1. Debt obligations are defined in the bill as issued public securities which are instruments, including bonds, certificates, notes, or other types of obligations authorized to be issued by an issuer under a statute, a municipal home-rule charter, or the constitution of this state (Government Code section 1201.002 (2)). 2. Issuance is the process of authorizing, selling and delivering public debt. 3. Public security authorization means a resolution, order, or ordinance that	,	
1	Total authorized debt obligations	is approved or adopted, or any other action taken in a proceeding, by the	voter-approved and non-voter approved debt obligations.	140.008(b)(1)(A)
2	Total principal of all outstanding debt obligations	Total amount borrowed (par) of all obligations that have yet to be repaid	Sum the total amount borrowed of all debt obligations that have yet to be repaid.	140.008(b)(1)(B)
3	Combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full	Total amount borrowed (par) that has yet to be repaid plus the cost of interest	Sum the amount borrowed that has yet to be repaid and the cost of interest; total debt service.	140.008(b)(1)(D)
4	Total authorized debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation	Total debt obligations secured by a pledge of property taxes	Sum any and all authorized debt obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation. Includecombination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total.	140.008(b)(1)(F) & 140.008(b)(1)(A)
5	Total principal of all outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation	Total amount borrowed (par) of obligations secured by a pledge of property taxes that have yet to be repaid	any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total.	140.008(b)(1)(F) & 140.008(b)(1)(B)
	Combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation on time and in full	Total amount borrowed (par)of all property tax-secured obligations plus the cost of interest	Sum the amount borrowed for obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation plus debt service costs. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total.	140.008(b)(1)(F) & 140.008(b)(1)(D)
	Total authorized debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation expressed as a per capita amount (required for a municipality, county, and school districts only)	Total authorized debt obligations secured by a pledge of property taxes divided by the population of the political subdivision (only school districts, municipalities and counties are required to provide a response to this question).	way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid and divide this by the population of the political subdivision. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Ensure that the population data matches time frame of fiscal year for which you are reporting.	140.008(b)(1)(F) & 140.008(b)(1)(A)
	Total principal of outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation as a per capita amount (required for municipalities, counties, and school districts only):	Total amount borrowed (par) secured by a pledge of property taxes divided by the population of the political subdivision (only school districts, municipalities and counties are required to provide a response to this question).	Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Divide this figure by the population total for the politica subdivision. Ensure that the population data matches time frame of the fiscal year for which you are reporting.	
	Combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation on time and in full as a per capita amount (required for municipalities, counties, and school districts only):	Total debt obligations secured by a pledge of property taxes plus the cost of debt service on these obligations divided by the population of the political subdivision (only school districts, municipalities and counties are required to provide a response to this question). The denominator used to carculate per capita rigures requested in #s 7-9 on	Sum the total amount borrowed of all obligations secured in any way by ad valorem taxation that have yet to be repaid. Include combination tax and revenue debt obligations in this total. Add to this the cost of debt service for these debt obligations. Divide this total by the population of the political subdivision. Ensure that the population data matches time frame of the fiscal year for which you are reporting.	
10	Population total used to calculate per capita figures	the Summary of Debt Obligations tab. This is a population total for your entity.	Make sure that the year of the population figures you are using match the fiscal year you are reporting on.	140.008(b)(1)(F))

			information on the data. For example, if you are using the	
			American Community Survey data, specify the table number. Note that school district population data is available	
			from the U.S. Census Bureau's Poverty Estimates for	
		The source of population data comprising the denominator of per capita	School Districts which is part of their Small Area Income and	
		figures in #s 7-9 in Summary of Debt Obligations tab.	Poverty Program (SAIPE)	140.008(b)(1)(F)
Tab 3: Individua	l Debt Obligations			
column B	outstanding debt obligation	an issued public security that has yet to be repaid.	Enter the name of the individual debt obligation or bond series.	140.008(b)(1)(C)
	If debt is conduit or component debt, enter related		Enter the name of the entity who the debt is issued to on	
column C	entity name	debt that is not a legal liabilty of the political subdivision but is secured by an	behalf of the political subdivision.	n/a
column D	principal issued	total amount borrowed (par)	Enter the amount borrowed for each individual debt obligation or bond series.	140.008(b)(1)(G)(i)
	F	total amount portoned (par)		
			Enter the amount borrowed that has yet to be repaid for	
column E	principal outstanding	total amount borrowed (par) of obligation that has yet to be repaid	each individual debt obligation or bond series.	140.008(b)(1)(C)
	combined principal and interest required to pay	the total amount borrowed (par) plus the cost of interest for each individual	Enter the amount borrowed plus the cost of interest for each	
column F	each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full			140.008(b)(1)(E)
		final payment date of individual debt obligation at which point all principal an	Enter the date of the final payment of principal and interest	
column G	final maturity date	interest will be paid off	for each individual debt obligation.	140.008(b)(1)(G)(iii)
			Respond with Y if any part of the debt obligation is secured	
column H	secured in any way by ad valorem taxes (Y/N)	indicates which individual debt obligations are in part or whole pledged with		140.008(b)(1)(F)
column I	total proceeds received	total assets received from the sale of a new issue of public securities	Enter the total assets received from the individual debt obligation.	140.008(b)(1)(G)(ii)
			Enter the portion of the total assets received from the	
column J	proceeds spent	the portion of total proceeds received (column H) that have been spent	individual debt obligation that have been spent.	140.008(b)(1)(G)(ii)
	proceeds open	and position of total procedure recorred (condition 1) that have been open.	Enter the portion of the total assets received from the	
column K	proceeds unspent	the portion of total proceeds received that are remaining to be spent	individual debt obligation that have not been spent.	140.008(b)(1)(G)(ii)
	proceeds unopern	the portion of total processor received that are remaining to be open.	Enter the purpose for the issuance of this individual series	
			as defined in ballot language if applicable or the Official	
		The reason for the debt issuance as defined in ballot language if applicable	Statement. If there is not sufficient space in column K, use	
	was authorized	or the Official Statement	the Additional Notes tab to add further information regarding purpose. Be sure to label any additional notes you enter in	
column L				140.008(b)(1)(G)(iv)
			credit ratings for all agencies that apply. If the credit rating	(-)(-)(-)(-)
			organization is not listed, enter the rating and rating	
	current credit rating		organization in the "Other Rating" and "Other Rating Source	
aclumna M. D.		existing rating given by any nationally recognized credit rating organization t	column. If the debt obligation is unrated, enter Y in the "Unrated" column.	4.40.000/b)/3)
columns M - R		debt obligations	Unrated column.	140.008(b)(2)