

CHAPTER 751

H.B. No. 2010

An Act relating to requiring a public hearing on the budget of cities and towns.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 14, Chapter 206, General Laws, Acts of the 42nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1931 (Article 689a-13, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14. The Mayor of every incorporated city, town or village shall serve as the budget officer for the Board of Commissioners or Council of such city, town or village, except that any such city or town as shall have a *City Manager form of Government*, the City Manager shall serve as the budget officer. Such Mayor or City Manager shall prepare each year a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of the Government of said city or town for the succeeding year. Such budget shall be carefully itemized so as to make as clear a comparison as practicable between expenditures included in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same or similar purposes for the preceding year. The budget must also be so prepared as to show as definitely as possible each of the various projects for which *expenditures* [appropriations] are set up in the budget, and the estimated amount of money carried in the budget for each of such projects. The budget shall also contain a complete financial statement of the city, town or village, showing all outstanding obligations of such city, town or village, the cash on hand to the credit of each and every fund, the funds received from all sources during the previous year, the funds available from all sources during the ensuing year, the estimated revenue available to cover the proposed budget, and the estimated rate of tax which will be required.

If a city or town in this State has already set up in its charter definite requirements which provide for the preparation each year of a budget of all expenditures of said city and *if that city or town holds a public hearing on said budget as provided in Section 16 of this Act (Article 689a-15, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)*, then the charter provisions of said city as to [the time of public hearing and] the method of preparation of the budget shall govern, provided that when said budget has been finally prepared and approved, that a copy of said budget, together with all amendments thereto, shall be filed with the County Clerk, the same as this Act requires other budgets to be filed.

SECTION 2. *The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.*

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: Immediately