

TESTIMONY IN CONCERN RELATED TO HB 1508  
SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
WANDA SHEPPARD, DICKEY COUNTY AUDITOR

Chairperson Roers and members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Wanda Sheppard and I am the County Auditor for Dickey County. I am voicing my concerns to HB 1508.

I have worked for Dickey County for 15 years. During that 15 years, Dickey County has used the State Auditors Office for all of our audits. We have worked with them to make any changes that need to be done to keep our books clear of any issues. Our last audit for the fiscal year 2021 was a completely clean audit.

Dickey County has worked to complete more of the tasks involved for the audit, which has decreased our total bill for the audit. The State Auditors office has been very helpful to assist us in meeting those requirements and review the work we have completed. We have not had any issues with them. I personally have seen financial information where the audits have been completed by private individuals that are not in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

In reviewing many of the testimonies on the website, many of them are political subdivisions where there are issues that have had to be worked through. It would seem logical that their bill is going to be higher as you are working through issues. Once items are cleaned up, the costs should decrease.

Some of the issues discussed are related to the immediate access to all information that is prevalent in this situation. There isn't a law in the world that is going to fix that problem.