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H.B. No. 1440

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority to approve change orders for certain  
3 municipal contracts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section [252.048](#), Local Government Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (c-1) and adding Subsection (e) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (c-1) If a change order for a public works contract in a  
9 municipality with a population of 240,000 [~~300,000~~] or more  
10 involves a decrease or an increase of \$100,000 or less, or a lesser  
11 amount as provided by ordinance, the governing body of the  
12 municipality may grant general authority to an administrative  
13 official of the municipality to approve the change order.

14 (e) This section applies only to a contract awarded through  
15 a competitive procedure as required by Section [252.021](#).

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
17 a change order approved on or after the effective date of this Act.  
18 A change order approved before the effective date of this Act is  
19 governed by the law in effect on the date the change order was  
20 approved, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.