

By: Holland

H.B. No. 2777

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the contracting authority of the Parks and Wildlife  
3 Department.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.0171, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) If the executive director or the executive director's  
8 designee does not receive any responsive bids on a competitive  
9 solicitation for goods or services, the executive director or the  
10 executive director's designee after making a written determination  
11 that competition is not available may negotiate with and award the  
12 contract to any qualified vendor who meets the requirements of the  
13 original solicitation.

14 SECTION 2. Section 11.0171(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, as  
15 added by this Act, applies only to a contract for which bids are  
16 first solicited on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
17 contract for which bids are first solicited before the effective  
18 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately  
19 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in  
20 effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.