

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.