

1-1 By: Holland (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia) H.B. No. 2777
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;
 1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 9, 2023, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-6 Nays 0; May 9, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2777 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the contracting authority of the Parks and Wildlife
 1-22 Department.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 11.0171, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The executive director may negotiate with and award a
 1-27 contract for goods or services to any qualified vendor if the
 1-28 executive director:

1-29 (1) solicits bids for the goods or services through a
 1-30 competitive process in compliance with all applicable laws,
 1-31 including Chapters 2155, 2254, and 2269, Government Code, that
 1-32 fails to result in competitive responsive bids;

1-33 (2) makes a written determination that resoliciting
 1-34 bids for the goods or services would:

1-35 (A) be unlikely to result in responsive bids;

1-36 (B) increase costs to the department; or

1-37 (C) delay the ability of the department to
 1-38 address a critical need; and

1-39 (3) determines that the vendor meets the requirements
 1-40 of the original solicitation.

1-41 (d) To the extent practicable, the executive director may
 1-42 combine the procurement of multiple goods or services into a single
 1-43 competitively bid contract to enhance the contract's attraction for
 1-44 potential vendors.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 11.0171(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
 1-46 added by this Act, applies only to a contract for which bids are
 1-47 first solicited on or after the effective date of this Act. A
 1-48 contract for which bids are first solicited before the effective
 1-49 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately
 1-50 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
 1-51 effect for that purpose.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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