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H.B. No. 109

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to attendance at mandatory pre-bid conferences regarding certain purchases by local governments.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 271.0566 to read as follows:

Sec. 271.0566. PREREQUISITES FOR MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCES. (a) A commissioners court may not require attendance at a mandatory pre-bid conference under Section 262.0256 or 271.0565 unless the commissioners court makes available to the public before the pre-bid conference the plans and specifications for the work to be performed under the contract or the specifications for any item to be purchased under the contract.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a governmental entity may not require attendance at a pre-bid conference unless the governmental entity makes the plans and specifications available in the manner described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect November 1, 2003.