

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a county that has surplus or salvage property may dispose of the property in several ways. Even if a commissioners court would like to donate the property, it must first go through a bid process at county expense that could result in no bids. S.B. 705 authorizes a commissioners court to donate surplus or salvage property to a local civic or charitable organization without having to first undertake a bid process at the county's expense.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 263.152(a), Local Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of a county to dispose of surplus or salvage property by donating the property to a civic or charitable organization located in the county if the commissioners court determines that certain criteria are met.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 285, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subchapter Z, as follows:

#### **SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

##### **Sec. 285.901. DISPOSITION OF SALVAGE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

(a) Defines "salvage property" and "surplus property."

(b) Authorizes the governing board of a hospital district to dispose of the hospital district's surplus or salvage property in the same way that a commissioners court of a county may dispose of the county's surplus or salvage property under Section 263.152, Local Government Code.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 263.152(c), Local Government Code (Disposition).

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.