BILL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND 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. Hospital districts that have surplus property must also undertake similar actions when seeking to dispose of their surplus property. C.S.S.B. 705 authorizes a commissioners court or board of directors of a hospital district 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 or hospital district's expense.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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, to authorize the governing board of a hospital district to dispose of surplus or salvage property by donating the property to a civic or charitable organization located in the district in accordance with criteria as outlined in the bill.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage or September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.S.B. 705 differs from the original in that it adds language to allow a governing board of a hospital district to dispose of surplus or salvage property in the same manner that a county disposes of surplus or salvage property.