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H.B. No. 443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to providing notice concerning certain school district  
3 purchases.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 44.031(g), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (g) Notice of the time by which [~~when~~] and place where the  
8 bids or proposals, or the responses to a request for  
9 qualifications, will be received and opened shall be posted on the  
10 electronic procurement marketplace established under Subchapter B,  
11 Chapter 2177, Government Code, for a period of at least 14 days  
12 before the deadline for receiving bids, proposals, or responses to  
13 a request for qualifications or published in the county in which the  
14 district's central administrative office is located, once a week  
15 for at least two weeks before the deadline for receiving bids,  
16 proposals, or responses to a request for qualifications. If the  
17 notice is to be provided by publication and there is not a newspaper  
18 in the county in which the district's central administrative office  
19 is located [~~that county~~], the advertising shall be published in a  
20 newspaper in the county nearest the county seat of the county in  
21 which the district's central administrative office is located. In  
22 a two-step procurement process, the time by which and place where  
23 the second-step bids, proposals, or responses will be received are  
24 not required to be posted or published separately.

1           SECTION 2. Section 2177.051(e), Government Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3           (e) The commission may make state procurement information  
4 available to political subdivisions through the electronic  
5 procurement marketplace on a fee-for-service basis. The commission  
6 shall set the fees in an amount that recovers the state's costs in  
7 providing the access to a political subdivision. The commission  
8 shall permit a school district, in complying with Section  
9 44.031(g), Education Code, to post information on the electronic  
10 procurement marketplace.

11           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.