

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 726  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2003; March 3, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 10, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 10, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of an  
1-9 appraisal district; providing penalties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 6.11, Tax Code, is amended to read as  
1-12 follows:

1-13 Sec. 6.11. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING AUTHORITY  
1-14 [~~COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT~~]. (a) An [~~The board of directors~~  
1-15 ~~of an~~] appraisal district [~~may not make a contract requiring an~~  
1-16 ~~expenditure of more than \$15,000 unless the proposed contract is~~  
1-17 ~~submitted to competitive bidding.~~

1-18 [~~(b) The board of directors~~] is subject to the same  
1-19 requirements and has the same purchasing and contracting authority  
1-20 [~~powers regarding the following matters~~] as [~~apply to~~] a  
1-21 municipality [~~commissioners court~~] under Chapter 252 [~~the~~  
1-22 ~~Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971 (Subchapter C, Chapter 271)~~],  
1-23 Local Government Code.

1-24 (b) For purposes of this section, all the provisions of  
1-25 Chapter 252, Local Government Code, applicable to a municipality or  
1-26 to purchases and contracts by a municipality apply to an appraisal  
1-27 district and to purchases and contracts by an appraisal district to  
1-28 the extent they can be made applicable, and all references to the  
1-29 municipality in that chapter mean the appraisal district. For  
1-30 purposes of applying Section 252.061, Local Government Code, to an  
1-31 appraisal district, any resident of the appraisal district may seek  
1-32 an injunction under that section. Sections 252.062 and 252.063,  
1-33 Local Government Code, apply to an officer or employee of an  
1-34 appraisal district in the same manner those sections apply to a  
1-35 municipal officer or employee. [del.]

1-36 [~~(1) notice of the contract,~~

1-37 [~~(2) issuance of the contract to the lowest~~  
1-38 ~~responsible bidder,~~

1-39 [~~(3) rejection of bids,~~

1-40 [~~(4) expenditure of funds on the completion and~~  
1-41 ~~acceptance of the contract,~~

1-42 [~~(5) exceptions to the competitive bidding~~  
1-43 ~~requirement,~~

1-44 [~~(6) change orders, and~~

1-45 [~~(7) effect of noncompliance with the competitive~~  
1-46 ~~bidding requirements.~~

1-47 [(c) ~~The notice of the contract shall be published in a~~  
1-48 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the district. If there is no~~  
1-49 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the district, the notice shall~~  
1-50 ~~be posted at the appraisal office for the district.]~~

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 2003, if it  
1-52 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
1-53 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
1-54 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that  
1-55 date, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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