

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, granted authority and set out guidelines for navigation districts and port authorities to select contractors for construction, maintenance, and repair projects using competitive sealed proposals. While this legislation has worked well for the most part, some port authorities have found that the 45-day evaluation period currently in statute is not long enough to thoroughly evaluate each proposal.

C.S.S.B. 620 authorizes a navigation district to extend the evaluation period to up to 90 days so authorities can more thoroughly evaluate each proposal before making a final decision.

### **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 60.463, Water Code, by adding Subsection (e-1) to authorize a navigation district, notwithstanding Subsection (e) (requiring districts to evaluate and rank proposals not later than the 45th day after opening competitive sealed proposals), if the district demonstrates that 45 days is not sufficient time for thorough evaluation, to specify in the request for competitive sealed proposals a deadline, not later than the 90th day after the date of opening the proposals, to evaluate and rank each proposal submitted in relation to the published selection criteria.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.