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H.B. No. 1915

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of counties to sell or lease advertising space to another entity.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 263, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. ADVERTISING SPACE

Sec. 263.251. SALE OR LEASE OF ADVERTISING SPACE. (a) The commissioners court of a county may adopt a procedure by which the county may:

(1) lease to another entity advertising space located:

(A) in or on a building or part of a building owned by the county;

(B) on a vehicle owned by the county; or

(C) on an official county website; or

(2) sell advertising space located on correspondence distributed by the county through the United States Postal Service.

(b) The procedure must include a requirement that the county publish, before a sale or lease is made, a notice of its intent to sell or lease the advertising space. The notice must:

(1) be published on the county's official website continuously for the 14 days immediately before the date the award of the sale or lease is made;

(2) include a description of the advertising space,

1 including its location and a description of the part of any real or
2 personal property that the advertising space occupies; and

3 (3) include a description of the procedure by which
4 bids or proposals for the sale or lease may be submitted.

5 (c) Under the procedure, the commissioners court may reject
6 any and all bids or proposals submitted.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.