

AN ACT

relating to authorizing political subdivisions to lease property owned by the political subdivision to other governmental entities without following competitive purchasing procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 272, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 272.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 272.005. LEASE OF PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

(a) To promote a public purpose of the political subdivision, a political subdivision may:

(1) lease property owned by the political subdivision to another political subdivision or an agency of the state or federal government; or

(2) make an agreement to provide office space in property owned by the political subdivision to the other political subdivision or agency.

(b) In acting under Subsection (a), the political subdivision:

(1) shall determine the terms of the lease or agreement so as to promote and maintain the public purpose;

(2) may provide for the lease of the property or provision of the office space at less than fair market value; and

(3) is not required to comply with any competitive purchasing procedure or any notice and publication requirement

1 imposed by this chapter or other law.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2618 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2618 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor