

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1967
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Collingsworth County Hospital District is authorized to make a purchase of up to \$2,000 without advertising the proposed purchase in accordance with certain Local Government Code provisions. The district's enabling legislation was passed several decades ago and, with the increase in inflation, a dollar today is worth less than a dollar back then. Purchases made for a hospital are usually more technologically advanced and expensive, and many of the district's purchases are greater than \$2,000. H.B. 1967 seeks to update applicable statute and allow the district to make a purchase of up to \$50,000 without having to advertise.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1967 amends the Special District Local Laws Code, in a provision relating to the Collingsworth County Hospital District, to authorize a purchase that involves the expenditure of more than \$50,000 as provided by a provision relating to competitive requirements for a municipal purchase, rather than of more than \$2,000, to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by provisions relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of a municipality and the County Purchasing Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.