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H.B. No. 1500

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing the commissioners court of a county to
3 deliberate in a closed meeting regarding business and financial
4 issues related to a contract being negotiated.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 551.0725(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The commissioners court of a county [~~with a population~~
9 ~~of 400,000 or more~~] may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate
10 business and financial issues relating to a contract being
11 negotiated if, before conducting the closed meeting:

12 (1) the commissioners court votes unanimously that
13 deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on
14 the position of the commissioners court in negotiations with a
15 third person; and

16 (2) the attorney advising the commissioners court
17 issues a written determination that deliberation in an open meeting
18 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the
19 commissioners court in negotiations with a third person.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
21 to a meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. A
22 meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed by
23 the law in effect on the date the meeting is held, and the former law
24 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.