

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from competitive bidding requirements for the procurement of services for victims of family violence.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 51.004, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.004. CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY; PROCUREMENT;
APPLICATION PROCESS [~~BIDS~~].

SECTION 2. Section 51.004, Human Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e), as amended by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, and by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(e) The commission shall use a noncompetitive procurement procedure to award a contract under Section 51.003(a) or (b) if the commission determines that there is no competition between eligible family violence centers for services or a service area. If the commission determines that there is competition between eligible family violence centers for services or a service area, the commission shall award a contract under Section 51.003(a) or (b) through an application process that considers the eligibility requirements and other factors provided in this section and allocates the money in accordance with this chapter and with consideration of the family violence services plan under Section 51.0021 [~~a competitive procurement procedure~~].

1 (f) The commission shall consult with a statewide family
2 violence organization to develop the application process described
3 in Subsection (e) but may not involve the organization in the
4 contract selection or award process.

5 (g) To the extent of any conflict between this section and
6 any other law, including Chapter 2155, Government Code, this
7 section controls.

8 SECTION 3. Section 51.003(d), Human Resources Code, as
9 amended by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session,
10 2015, is repealed.

11 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
12 a contract awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 59 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 59 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor