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S.B. No. 1606

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Department of Transportation to increase the use of the design-build method for roadway projects.

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

SECTION 1. Section 223.001, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.001. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS [~~REQUIRING COMPETITIVE BIDS~~]. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the [The] department shall submit for competitive bids each contract for:

(1) the improvement of a highway that is part of the state highway system; or

(2) materials to be used in the construction or maintenance of that highway.

(b) The commission shall designate in each fiscal year at least 10 specific highway projects to be completed using the design-build method under Subchapter F.

SECTION 2. Section 223.001, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a fiscal year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.