

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1877
By: Perry
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that electronically sending notices of proposed contracts for highway projects would reduce the expenditure of resources by the Texas Department of Transportation. S.B. 1877 seeks to provide for the sending of notice of proposed contracts for highway projects by email.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

S.B. 1877 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to send electronically to a designated email address notice of any proposed contracts for highway projects TxDOT is required to submit for competitive bids as an alternative method of delivery for such notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.