

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 3252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain contracting requirements for certain metropolitan rapid transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2267.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2267.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) the financing, design, construction, maintenance, or operation of a highway in the state highway system;

(2) a transportation authority operating ~~created~~ under Chapter 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, other than a metropolitan rapid transit authority operating under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, in which the principal municipality has a population of 1.9 million or more;

(3) any telecommunications, cable television, video service, or broadband infrastructure other than technology installed as part of a qualifying project that is essential to the project; or

(4) except as provided by Section 2165.259, a qualifying project located in the Capitol Complex, as defined by Section 443.0071.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 451, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 451.114 to read as follows:

1       Sec. 451.114. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: CERTAIN  
2 AUTHORITIES. In procuring architectural, engineering, or design  
3 services, an authority in which the principal municipality has a  
4 population of 1.9 million or more shall incorporate the selection  
5 process for those services as provided by Section [2254.004](#),  
6 Government Code.

7       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.