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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 124 |
| By: West |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised that the requirement for a county that receives bids or proposals through electronic transmission to also accept bids or proposals submitted in hard-copy format creates a burden on county staff when collating received bids and proposals. S.B. 124 seeks to streamline the competitive bidding process by authorizing a county to require electronic bids or proposals. |
| **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. 124 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a county commissioners court by order to require submission of bids or proposals under the County Purchasing Act through electronic transmission. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |