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H.B. No. 2175

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the threshold contract amount at which a county is  
3 required to engage in a competitive purchasing procedure for  
4 certain purchases.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 252.312(b) and (c), Transportation  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (b) If the county road engineer so recommends and the  
9 commissioners court considers it to be in the best interest of the  
10 county, a purchase in an amount of \$50,000 [~~\$25,000~~] or less may be  
11 made through negotiation by the commissioners court or the court's  
12 authorized representative on requisition to be approved by the  
13 commissioners court or the county auditor without advertising for  
14 competitive bids.

15 (c) A purchase may not be divided or reduced to avoid the  
16 competitive bidding requirement on a purchase that would otherwise  
17 cost more than \$50,000 [~~\$25,000~~].

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
19 to a purchase commenced on or after September 1, 2019. A purchase  
20 for which competitive bids are advertised before September 1, 2019,  
21 is governed by the law in effect on the date the bids were  
22 advertised, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.