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S.B. No. 970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the review and approval of contingent fee contracts for certain public agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.012. CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES. A public agency as defined by Section 30.003, Water Code, may not enter into a contract described by Subchapter C, Chapter 2254, Government Code, without review and approval by the attorney general.

SECTION 2. Section 403.0305, Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract submitted for review and approval on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.