1-1 By: Nichols

(In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2019; March 7, 2019, 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; 1-4 March 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, 1-5 Nays 0; March 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X			
1-9	Hancock	X			
1-10	Alvarado	X			,
1-11	Hinojosa	X			
1-12	Kolkhorst	X			
1-13	Perry	X			
1-14	Rodríguez	X			
1-15	Schwertner	X			
1-16	West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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1-37 1-38 relating to certain contracts requiring competitive bidding by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 223.001, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.001. CONTRACT REQUIRING COMPETITIVE BIDS. (a) This section applies only to a highway that is part of the state highway system.

(b) The department shall submit for competitive bids each contract for:

- (1) the improvement of a highway [that is part of the state highway system]; [or]
- (2) materials to be used in the construction or maintenance of <u>a</u> [that] highway; or

  (3) traffic control or safety devices to be used on a
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SECTION 2. This Act applies only in relation to a contract for which the Texas Department of Transportation first advertises or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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