

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or proposals for competitive bidding.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.0225, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) A county may receive bids or proposals under this subchapter in hard-copy format or through electronic transmission. Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a [A] county shall accept any bids or proposals submitted in hard-copy format.

(c-1) The commissioners court of a county may by order require submission of bids or proposals under this subchapter through electronic transmission if the county makes available all technology necessary to submit a bid or proposal through electronic transmission to any person who submits a hard-copy bid or proposal in person.

SECTION 2. 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, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 362 was passed by the House on April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 362 was passed by the Senate on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor