By: Sherman, Sr. H.B. No. 362

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 362:

By: Cason C.S.H.B. No. 362

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or

- 3 proposals for competitive bidding.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 262.0225, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 (c) A county may receive bids or proposals under this
- 9 subchapter in hard-copy format or through electronic transmission.
- 10 Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a [A] county shall accept
- 11 any bids or proposals submitted in hard-copy format.
- 12 <u>(c-1)</u> The commissioners court of a county may by order
- 13 require submission of bids or proposals under this subchapter
- 14 through electronic transmission if the county makes available all
- 15 technology necessary to submit a bid or proposal through electronic
- 16 transmission to any person who submits a hard-copy bid or proposal
- 17 in person.
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 22 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.