

1-1 By: Sherman, Sr. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 362  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 12, 2021;  
 1-3 April 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
 1-4 Government; April 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Menéndez	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Springer	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or  
 1-20 proposals for competitive bidding.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section [262.0225](#), Local Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to  
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (c) A county may receive bids or proposals under this  
 1-26 subchapter in hard-copy format or through electronic transmission.  
 1-27 Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a [A] county shall accept  
 1-28 any bids or proposals submitted in hard-copy format.

1-29 (c-1) The commissioners court of a county may by order  
 1-30 require submission of bids or proposals under this subchapter  
 1-31 through electronic transmission if the county makes available all  
 1-32 technology necessary to submit a bid or proposal through electronic  
 1-33 transmission to any person who submits a hard-copy bid or proposal  
 1-34 in person.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-37 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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