

AN ACT

relating to procurement by a political subdivision of a contingent fee contract for legal services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2254.102(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) This subchapter does not apply to a contract for legal services entered into by a political subdivision for the collection of an obligation, as defined by Section 2107.001, that is delinquent [~~under Section 6.30, Tax Code, Article 103.0031, Code of Criminal Procedure,~~] or for services under Section 1201.027, [~~of this code~~] except that Sections 2254.1032, 2254.1034, 2254.1036, and 2254.1037 do apply to the contract. For purposes of this subsection, an obligation does not include a fine or penalty that results from an action by a political subdivision under Chapter 7, Water Code.

SECTION 2. Section 2254.102(e), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1428 was passed by the House on April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1428 was passed by the Senate on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor