By:  Button, Neave Criado, Ramos H.B. No. 1440

     (Senate Sponsor - Hall)

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023; April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; May 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Bettencourt       X

Springer          X

Eckhardt                    X

Gutierrez                   X

Hall              X

Nichols           X

Parker            X

Paxton            X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority to approve change orders for certain municipal contracts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 252.048, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c-1) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(c-1)  If a change order for a public works contract in a municipality with a population of 240,000 [~~300,000~~] or more involves a decrease or an increase of $100,000 or less, or a lesser amount as provided by ordinance, the governing body of the municipality may grant general authority to an administrative official of the municipality to approve the change order.

(e)  This section applies only to a contract awarded through a competitive procedure as required by Section 252.021.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a change order approved on or after the effective date of this Act. A change order approved before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the change order was approved, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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