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H.B. No. 1918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to publication by the attorney general of a contingent fee  
3 contract for legal services for political subdivisions and related  
4 information.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2254.1038(b), Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) Within 90 days after receiving a contract from a  
9 political subdivision, the attorney general:

10 (1) shall publish the contract and the information  
11 filed under Subsection (a) related to the contract on the attorney  
12 general's Internet website; and

13 (2) may:

14 (A) [~~(1)~~] approve the contract;

15 (B) [~~(2)~~] refuse to approve the contract because  
16 the requirements of this subchapter were not fulfilled; or

17 (C) [~~(3)~~] refuse to approve the contract  
18 because:

19 (i) [~~(A)~~] the legal matter that is the  
20 subject of the contract presents one or more questions of law or  
21 fact that are in common with a matter the state has already  
22 addressed or is pursuing; and

23 (ii) [~~(B)~~] pursuit of the matter by the  
24 political subdivision will not promote the just and efficient

1 resolution of the matter.

2           SECTION 2. Section [2254.1038\(b\)](#), Government Code, as  
3 amended by this Act, applies only to a contract filed on or after  
4 the effective date of this Act. A contract filed before the  
5 effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed  
6 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is  
7 continued in effect for that purpose.

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