

AN ACT

relating to the handling of bids on certain contracts for highway projects.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 223.005, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.005. BIDS ON CONTRACTS INVOLVING LESS THAN \$1 MILLION [~~\$300,000~~].

SECTION 2. Section 223.005(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by rule may allow bids on a contract estimated by the department to involve an amount less than \$1 million [~~\$300,000~~] to be filed with:

(1) for a contract other than a building construction contract, the district engineer at the headquarters for the district in which the improvement is to be made and opened and read at a public meeting held by the district engineer or the district engineer's designee; or

(2) for a building construction contract, the director of the division of the department that is responsible for the construction of the building and opened and read at a public meeting held by the division director or the division director's designee.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to bids for which the notice of bid is given on or after the effective

1 date of this Act. A notice of bid given before the effective date of  
2 this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
3 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
4 that purpose.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1021 passed the Senate on April 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 11, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1021 passed the House, with amendment, on May 5, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor