

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 1021  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 17, 2023; March 3, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 March 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Alvarado	X			
1-10 Eckhardt	X			
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 King			X	
1-13 Miles	X			
1-14 Parker	X			
1-15 Perry	X			

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

1-19 relating to the handling of bids on certain contracts for highway  
 1-20 projects.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 223.005, Transportation  
 1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 223.005. BIDS ON CONTRACTS INVOLVING LESS THAN \$1  
 1-25 MILLION [~~\$300,000~~].

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 223.005(a), Transportation Code, is  
 1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 (a) The commission by rule may allow bids on a contract  
 1-29 estimated by the department to involve an amount less than \$1  
 1-30 million [~~\$300,000~~] to be filed with the district engineer at the  
 1-31 headquarters for the district in which the improvement is to be made  
 1-32 and opened and read at a public meeting held by the district  
 1-33 engineer or the district engineer's designee.

1-34 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-35 bids for which the notice of bid is given on or after the effective  
 1-36 date of this Act. A notice of bid given before the effective date of  
 1-37 this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
 1-38 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
 1-39 that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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