

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 197  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Since 1993, the competitive bidding limit for municipalities has been set at \$15,000. In 1999, the limit for counties, school districts, and the General Services Commission was increased to \$25,000. As proposed, H.B. 197 raises the limit for municipalities to \$25,000.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 252.021(a), Local Government Code, to require a municipality to comply with the procedure prescribed by this chapter for competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals before it may enter into a contract that requires an expenditure of more than \$25,000, rather than \$15,000, from municipal funds.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 252.0215, Local Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 252.312(b) and (c), Transportation Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 262.003(a), Local Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 271.024, Local Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 363.156(b), Local Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2001.