

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a county with a population of 2.8 million or more is permitted to require prospective bidders on proposed county purchases or projects to attend a pre-bid conference. Only those prospective bidders who attend the mandatory pre-bid conference are eligible to bid on a proposed purchase or project. H.B. 2242 allows a county with a population of 2.8 million or more, in those cases where the county extends the time for receiving and opening bids on a proposed purchase or project for which a mandatory pre-bid conference was held, to directly notify via certified mail the pre-bid conference attendees.

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 262.0256, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to authorize, after a pre-bid conference is conducted under Subsection (b), any additional required notice for the proposed purchase to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, only to prospective bidders who attended the conference. Provides that notice under this subsection is not subject to the requirements of Section 262.025.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 271.0565, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to authorize, after a pre-bid conference is conducted under Subsection (b), any additional required notice for the proposed purchase to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, only to prospective bidders who attended the conference. Provides that notice under this subsection is not subject to the requirements of Section 271.055.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.
Makes application of this Act prospective.