

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law allows a governmental entity, by definition a municipality, county, or river authority, to take advantage of alternative procurement procedures, including competitive bidding, competitive sealed proposals for construction services, a design-build contract, a contract for certain services with a construction manager, and a job order that provides the best value for the entity. Much defense base redevelopment work would enjoy both cost and time benefits by the flexibility offered by alternative procurement procedures. As proposed, S.B. 719 expands the definition of governmental entity to include a defense base development authority, thereby authorizing such an entity to use alternative procurement procedures in base redevelopment projects.

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 271.111(10), Local Government Code, to redefine “governmental entity” to include a defense base development authority.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 271.112 (a) and (d), Local Government Code, as follows:

- (a) Specifies that this subsection only applies if there is a regulation addressing competitive bidding, competitive sealed proposals, or procurement procedures in conflict with this subchapter. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.
- (d) Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

- (b) Makes application of this Act prospective.