relating to the authority of a county to contract with a private vendor for the operation of a detention facility.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 351.102, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 351.102. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT. The commissioners court of a county may contract with a private vendor to provide for the financing, design, construction, leasing, operation, purchase, maintenance, or management of a jail, detention center, work camp, or related facility. The commissioners court may not award a contract under this section unless the commissioners court requests proposals by public notice and not less than 30 days from such notice receives a proposal that meets or exceeds the requirements specified in the request for proposals. Before the commissioners court of a county enters into a contract under this section, the commissioners court of the county must receive the written approval of the sheriff of the county, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, or if the county has a population of 2.8 million or more:

(1) consult with the sheriff regarding the feasibility of ensuring that all services provided under the contract are required to meet or exceed standards set by the Commission on Jail Standards; or

(2) receive the written approval of the sheriff of the county, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 668

H.B. No. 1545

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the use of certain public transportation services by persons with disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, “providers” and “services” have the meanings assigned by Section 461.009, Transportation Code.

(b) The Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities, in coordination with providers located in rural and urban areas of the state, and paratransit advocacy groups, shall conduct a study to determine:

(1) the feasibility of standardizing the process of certifying an individual’s eligibility for services in the state; and

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(2) whether the current 21-day provision of services by a provider is adequate to meet
the needs of visitors with disabilities to locations served by the provider.
(c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities
shall submit a report on the findings of the study performed under this section to the
governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing commit-
tees of the senate and house of representatives that have jurisdiction over issues related to
transportation.
 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the
House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1545 on May 22, 2013: Yeas
145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May
20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 669
H.B. No. 1593
AN ACT
relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 505; providing
authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding
Chapter 8461 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8461. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 505

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8461.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, “district” means the Harris County
Municipal Utility District No. 505.

Sec. 8461.002. NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISTRICT. (a) The district is a
municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.
(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:
(1) a municipal utility district as provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI,
Texas Constitution; and
(2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that relate to the construction, acquisi-
tion, improvement, operation, or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads,
or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 8461.051. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and
duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 8461.052. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The dis-

tress has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters
49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8461.053. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III,
Texas Constitution, the district may design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for,
improve, operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for