Regular Session, 1985, relating to the 1986 transfer to the City of Corpus Christi of district rights to real property included in the 1986 quitclaim deed recordings described by Section 3 of this Act are validated and confirmed as of the dates the transfers occurred. The acts and proceedings may not be held invalid because they were not performed in accordance with Chapter 51, Water Code, or other law.

(b) The 1986 transfer of rights to real property included in the 1986 quitclaim deed recordings described by Section 3 of this Act by the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District to the City of Corpus Christi may not be held invalid on the ground that the transfer, in the absence of this Act, was invalid.

(c) The City of Corpus Christi is the owner of the rights to real property transferred to the city in accordance with Chapter 844, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, and included in the 1986 quitclaim deed recordings described by Section 3 of this Act.

(d) This section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act:

1. is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court judgment; or

2. has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

SECTION 3. The property transfers made in 1986 as quitclaim deeds in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 844, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, transferring property from the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District to the City of Corpus Christi have been filed as follows:

1. in Nueces County on September 26, 2011, as Document 2011034981 filed in the property records of Nueces County;

2. in Atascosa County on September 30, 2011, as recording number 125295 filed in the property records of Atascosa County;

3. in Jim Wells County on September 27, 2011, as recording number 413632 filed in the property records of Jim Wells County;

4. in Live Oak County on September 27, 2011, as recording number 195798 filed in the property records of Live Oak County; and

5. in San Patricio County on September 27, 2011, as recording number 611795 filed in the property records of San Patricio County.

SECTION 4. 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 the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 14, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1356

S.B. No. 1430

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain public works contracting requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2267.354, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1129 (H.B. 628), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2267.354. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PROJECTS. (a) [Before September 1, 2013.]

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(1) a governmental entity with a population of 500,000 or more within the entity's geographic boundary or service area may, under this subchapter, enter into contracts for not more than three projects in any fiscal year; and

(2) a municipally owned water utility with a separate governing board appointed by the governing body of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more may:

(A) independently enter into a contract for not more than one civil works project in any fiscal year; and

(B) enter into contracts for additional civil works projects in any fiscal year, but not more than the number of civil works projects prescribed by the limit in Subdivision (1) for the municipality, provided that:

(i) the additional contracts for the civil works projects entered into by the utility under this paragraph are allocated to the number of contracts the municipality that appoints the utility's governing board may enter under Subdivision (1); and

(ii) the governing body of the municipality must approve the contracts.

(b) Before September 1, 2015, a governmental entity that has a population of 100,000 or more but less than 500,000 or is a board of trustees governed by Chapter 54, Transportation Code, may enter into contracts under this subchapter for not more than two projects in any fiscal year.

(e) After August 31, 2013 (the period described by Subsection (a) or (b)):

(1) a governmental entity with a population of 500,000 or more within the entity's geographic boundary or service area may, under this subchapter, enter into contracts for not more than six projects in any fiscal year;

(2) a municipally owned water utility with a separate governing board appointed by the governing body of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more may:

(A) independently enter into a contract for not more than one civil works project in any fiscal year; and

(B) enter into contracts for additional civil works projects in any fiscal year, but not more than the number of civil works projects prescribed by the limit in Subdivision (1) for the municipality, provided that:

(i) the additional contracts for the civil works projects entered into by the utility under this paragraph are allocated to the number of contracts the municipality that appoints the utility's governing board may enter under Subdivision (1); and

(ii) the governing body of the municipality must approve the contracts.

For purposes of determining the number of eligible projects under this section, a municipally owned water utility with a separate governing board appointed by the governing body of the municipality is considered part of the municipality.

SECTION 2. Subsection (c-1), Section 252.048, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-1) If a change order for a public works contract in a municipality with a population of 300,000 [500,000] or more involves a decrease or an increase of $100,000 or less, or a lesser amount as provided by ordinance, the governing body of the municipality may grant general authority to an administrative official of the municipality to approve the change order.

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 the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.
CHAPTER 1357

S.B. No. 1451

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the offense of money laundering and to the forfeiture of certain contraband.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivisions (1) and (2), Article 59.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Attorney representing the state" means the prosecutor with felony jurisdiction in the county in which a forfeiture proceeding is held under this chapter or, in a proceeding for forfeiture of contraband as defined under Subdivision (2)(B)(v) of this article, the city attorney of a municipality if the property is seized in that municipality by a peace officer employed by that municipality and the governing body of the municipality has approved procedures for the city attorney acting in a forfeiture proceeding. In a proceeding for forfeiture of contraband as defined under Subdivision (2)(B)(vi) of this article, the term includes the attorney general.

(2) "Contraband" means property of any nature, including real, personal, tangible, or intangible, that is:

(A) used in the commission of:

(i) any first or second degree felony under the Penal Code;

(ii) any felony under Section 15.051(b), 20.05, 21.11, 38.04, or Chapter 43, 20A, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 33A, or 35, Penal Code;

(iii) any felony under The Securities Act (Article 581-1 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); or

(iv) any offense under Chapter 49, Penal Code, that is punishable as a felony of the third degree or state jail felony, if the defendant has been previously convicted three times of an offense under that chapter;

(B) used or intended to be used in the commission of:

(i) any felony under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act);

(ii) any felony under Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code;

(iii) a felony under Chapter 151 (4-14), Finance Code;

(iv) any felony under Chapter 34, Penal Code;

(v) a Class A misdemeanor under Subchapter B, Chapter 365, Health and Safety Code, if the defendant has been previously convicted twice of an offense under that subchapter;

(vi) any felony under Chapter 152, Finance Code;

[viii] any felony under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, or Chapter 31, 32, 35A, or 37, Penal Code, that involves the state Medicaid program;

(viii) a Class B misdemeanor under Chapter 522, Business & Commerce Code;

(vi) a Class A misdemeanor under Section 306.051, Business & Commerce Code;

(iz) any offense under Section 42.10, Penal Code;

(az) any offense under Section 46.06(a)(1) or 46.14, Penal Code;