of a minority group or by women. These barriers may include contracting procedures and contract specifications or conditions.

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

(b) Section 775.305, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2014.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 26, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Approved May 10, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013, except as provided by § 2(b).

CHAPTER 22
S.B. No. 336

AN ACT
relating to the qualifications for appointment as a medical examiner.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. APPOINTMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The commissioners court shall appoint the medical examiner, who serves, at the pleasure of the commissioners court. A person shall be appointed as the medical examiner:

(1) unless he is a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board; or

(2) a person who:

(A) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in another state;

(B) has applied to the Texas Medical Board for a license to practice medicine in this state; and

(C) has been granted a provisional license under Section 155.101, Occupations Code.

(b) To the greatest extent possible, the medical examiner shall be appointed from persons having training and experience in pathology, toxicology, histology and other medico-legal sciences.

(c) The medical examiner shall devote the time and energy necessary to perform the duties conferred by this Article.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 26, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 10, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 23
S.B. No. 360

AN ACT
relating to methods used by an animal shelter to euthanize a dog or cat.

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