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.

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 must be:

(1) 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 [of Medical Examiners].

(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.

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:
SECTION 1. Section 821.051, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivisions (3) and (4) and adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

(3) "Board" means the executive commissioner [Texas Board of Health].

(4) "Department" means the [Texas] Department of State Health Services.

(5) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 821.052, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may euthanize a dog or cat in the custody of an animal shelter only by administering sodium pentobarbital [or commercially compressed carbon monoxide].

SECTION 3. Section 821.054, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 821.054. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF COMMERCIALLY COMPRESSED CARBON MONOXIDE. (a) The executive commissioner [board] by rule shall establish:

(1) standards for a carbon monoxide chamber used to euthanize an animal to which Section 821.052(b) applies [in the custody of an animal shelter]; and

(2) requirements and procedures for administering commercially compressed carbon monoxide to euthanize an animal to which Section 821.052(b) applies [in the custody of an animal shelter].

(b) A person administering commercially compressed carbon monoxide to euthanize an animal to which Section 821.052(b) applies [in the custody of an animal shelter] shall:

(1) may use only a carbon monoxide chamber that meets the standards established by department [board] rule; and

(2) may administer the commercially compressed carbon monoxide only in accordance with the requirements and procedures established by department [board] rule.

SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2013, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to conform to Subsection (a), Section 821.052, and Section 821.054, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 5. A person subject to Subsection (a), Section 821.052, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, is not required to comply with that subsection or any rules adopted under that subsection until January 1, 2014.

SECTION 6. 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 March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on April 26, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 10, 2013.

Effective May 10, 2013.

CHAPTER 24

S.B. No. 387

AN ACT

relating to county participation in a program for improvement of collection of court costs, fees, and fines imposed in criminal cases.

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

SECTION 1. Article 103.0033, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(c) Unless granted a waiver under Subsection (h)(2) or (h-1) [(h)], each county and municipality shall develop and implement a program that complies with the prioritized