BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Veteran's Land Board (board) is required to use competitive bidding to enter into real estate appraisal contracts. In several instances, the board has had to rebid several contracts because of inferior work done by low bidders. This bill would allow the board to choose its own appraisers based on a certain qualification process.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1782 redefines "professional services" to include certain real estate appraisers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2254.002(2), Government Code, to add real estate appraising and a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser to the definition of "professional services."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.