BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, local governments are required to take a bidder's lowest bid regardless of the bidder's place of business. H.B. 2787 allows counties to accept bids which are offered by a business whose principal place of business is within the locality, whose bids are within three percent of the lowest bid price.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2787 allows counties to accept bids which are offered by a business whose principal place of business is within the locality, whose bids are within three percent of the lowest bid price.

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 Chapter 271Z, Local Government Code, by adding Section 271.905, as follows:

Sec. 271.905. CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF BIDDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. Defines "local government." Authorizes a local government to enter into a contract with certain entities, if it receives one or more bids from a certain bidder. Provides that this section does not prohibit a local government from rejecting all bids.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.