

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1179 clarifies which purchases of goods and services by the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) may be made without a competitive sealed bid, including: items only available from one source; gas, water, and utility services; captive replacement parts; and contracts for planning services. By aligning its purchasing authority with that of other local entities, this bill allows DCTA to partner with its member cities to build infrastructure in Denton County. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1179 amends current law relating to purchasing and contracting practices of coordinated county transportation authorities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 460.406(c), Transportation Code, as follows:

(c) Authorizes the board of directors of a coordinated county transportation authority (authority) to authorize the negotiation of a contract without competitive sealed bids or proposals if:

(1) and (2) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(3) the contract is for services or property for which there is only one source or for which it is otherwise impracticable to obtain competition, including items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies; gas, water, and other utility services; and captive replacement parts or components for equipment;

(4) makes no changes to this subdivision;

(5) the contract is for personal, professional, or planning services, rather than personal or professional services or services for which competitive bidding is precluded by law;

(6) through (11) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(12) the contract is one for an authority project and awarded for alternate project delivery using the procedures, requirements, and limitations under Subchapter H (Design-Build Procedures for Certain Civil Works Projects), Chapter 2269 (Contracting and Delivery Procedures for Construction Projects), Government Code, among other subchapters; or

(13) makes no changes to this subdivision.

Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.