

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1720
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; April 3, 2019, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the threshold contract amount at which a county is
1-18 required to engage in a competitive purchasing procedure for
1-19 certain purchases.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 252.312(b) and (c), Transportation
1-22 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-23 (b) If the county road engineer so recommends and the
1-24 commissioners court considers it to be in the best interest of the
1-25 county, a purchase in an amount of \$50,000 [~~\$25,000~~] or less may be
1-26 made through negotiation by the commissioners court or the court's
1-27 authorized representative on requisition to be approved by the
1-28 commissioners court or the county auditor without advertising for
1-29 competitive bids.

1-30 (c) A purchase may not be divided or reduced to avoid the
1-31 competitive bidding requirement on a purchase that would otherwise
1-32 cost more than \$50,000 [~~\$25,000~~].

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-34 to a purchase commenced on or after September 1, 2019. A purchase
1-35 for which competitive bids are advertised before September 1, 2019,
1-36 is governed by the law in effect on the date the bids were
1-37 advertised, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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