

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1469

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, the Minor Construction Section of the General Services Commission (GSC) performs minor renovations and rehabilitation projects for tenants in buildings on GSC's inventory. This section evaluates tenants' requests for service, determines the cost for such service and may perform the work while charging the customer agencies a fee for the work performed. C.S.S.B. 1469 would help GSC respond more efficiently to customer requests for renovation and rehabilitation projects.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1469 outlines provisions regarding construction projects managed by the General Services Commission.

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 2166.001, Government Code, by amending Subdivisions (8) and (9) and adding Subdivision (10), to redefine "small construction project" and define "staged construction." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2166.203, Government Code, to require the General Services Commission (commission) to notify a private design professional selected for an interview on a project of the person's selection not later than the 30th day before the date of the interview to allow preparation for the interview, except as provided by Subsection (b). Requires the commission to notify a private design professional selected for an interview on a small construction project of the person's selection not later than the 14th day before the date of the interview to allow preparation for the interview. Sets forth certain emergency situations for which Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2166.253, Government Code, to require the commission to advertise in one, rather than two or more, newspaper of general circulation and the Texas Register for work on the project. Requires the commission to allow bidders a certain period of time to respond to an invitation to bid, except as provided by Subsection (c). Requires the commission to allow bidders for small construction projects not less than 14 days after the date the commission issues the bid document to respond to an invitation to bid. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 2166.001, Government Code, to redefine "small construction project" and define "staged construction."

SECTION 2.

Amends Section 2166.203, Government Code, regarding interview notification to a private design professional.

SECTION 3.

Amends Section 2166.253, Government Code, regarding bidding procedures.