

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1229  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a county with a population of 2.8 million or more may use mandatory pre-bid conferences to ensure that all parties understand the project requirements and specifications before bidding, and such counties may use a competitive proposal process, making a proposal negotiable. C.S.S.B. 1229 authorizes the commissioners court of a county or another governing body of a district to require a principal, officer, or employee of each prospective bidder to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference conducted for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and answering questions of prospective bidders.

### **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 262.0256, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 262.0256. New heading: PRE-BID CONFERENCE. Authorizes the commissioners court of a county or the governing body of a district or authority created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, if the governing body is the commissioners court of the county in which the district is located, to require a principal, officer, or employee of each prospective bidder to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference conducted for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and answering questions of prospective bidders.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 271.0565, Local Government Code, as follows:

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SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.