

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law permits state agencies to directly transfer surplus or salvage data processing equipment to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Given that it is economically feasible, TDCJ repairs or refurbishes the equipment and sells it to a school district, state agency, or political subdivision. Local governments are not permitted to directly transfer surplus or salvage data processing equipment to TDCJ and are required to utilize the personal property donation process involving board approval.

H.B. 2196 provides local governments with transfer authority similar to that of state agencies and significantly reduces the time involved in the acquisition process.

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 497.012(a), Government Code, to authorize the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to receive any surplus or salvage data processing equipment from a state agency under Chapter 2175 or from any political subdivision that chooses to send the equipment to TDCJ. Provides that acceptance by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice is not necessary for receipt by TDCJ of equipment under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.