

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As proposed, S.B. 1786 allows a navigation district (district) to contract for a purchase from the State of Texas, its respective agencies and the federal government, which is similar to Section 60.454(8), Water Code, authorizing interlocal contracts. In addition, S.B. 1786 expands purchasing contract methods for a contract of \$25,000 or more in the aggregate for a 12-month period, to include a contract for a purchase from the State of Texas, its respective agencies and the federal government.

Finally, current statute requires make evaluations of proposals public within seven days after a contract is awarded. S.B. 1786 extends this period to take into account typical time periods between public meetings of a district's governing body.

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 60.412(a), Water Code, to provide that a contract for purchase is exempt from the requirements of Sections 60.404 (Competitive Bidding Requirements) and 60.405 (Proposal Procedures), if a contract is for the purchase of certain items. Deletes existing text relating to the United States Customs Service.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 60.454, Water Code, to authorize a district contact [sic] valued at \$25,000 or more in the aggregate for each 12-month period to be made by a certain method, that in the opinion of the district's commission (commission), provides the best value for the district, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or other law.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 60.459(c), Water Code, to require the district to document the basis of its selection and to make the evaluations public not later than the later of the 30th day, rather than the 7th day, after the date of the award of the contract or the next scheduled commission meeting.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.