

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In a previous session, the Texas Legislature passed legislation that allows certain small or medium-size cities or counties the option to accept bids from a bidder whose principal place of business is within the locality if the bid is within three percent of the lowest bid price. In a subsequent session, legislation changed the population brackets so that the provisions apply to other municipalities and counties. H.B. 1869 removes the population brackets in order to allow more populous cities and counties to have the same option.

H.B. 1869 amends current law relating to local governments that may consider a bidder's principal place of business when awarding a contract.

### **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 271.905(a), Local Government Code, to redefine, in this section, "local government."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 271.9051(a), Local Government Code, to delete existing text providing that this section applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 250,000 that is authorized under this title to purchase real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.