

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Collingsworth County Hospital District (district) is authorized to make a purchase of up to \$2,000 without advertising the proposed purchase in accordance with the Local Government Code. The district's enabling legislation was passed several decades ago, and, with the increase in inflation, a dollar today is worth less than a dollar then. Purchases made for a hospital are usually more technologically advanced and expensive, and many of the district's purchases are greater than \$2,000. H.B. 1967 updates the applicable statute to allow the district to make a purchase of up to \$50,000 without having to advertise.

H.B. 1967 amends current law relating to the contracting authority of the Collingsworth County Hospital District.

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 1014.106(b), Special District Local Laws Code, to authorize a purchase that involves the expenditure of more than the amount provided by Section 252.021(a) (relating to authorizing a municipality to enter into a contract requiring an expenditure of certain amounts and requiring the municipality to perform certain actions), Local Government Code, rather than of more than \$2,000, to be made only after advertising in the manner provided by Chapter 252 (Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Municipalities) and Subchapter C (Purchasing Agents), Chapter 262 (Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Counties), Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.