

CHAPTER 891

S.B. No. 342

AN ACT

relating to changes in plans, specifications, or proposals pertaining to contracts made by counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 262.031, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a change order involves an increase or decrease in cost of \$15,000 or less, the commissioners court may grant general authority to an employee to approve the change orders. However, the original contract price may not be increased by more than 25 percent *unless the change order is necessary to comply with a federal or state statute, rule, regulation, or judicial decision enacted, adopted, or rendered after the contract was made.* The original contract price may not be decreased by 18 percent or more without the consent of the contractor.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 15, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 1993: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective June 19, 1993.