

CHAPTER 127

S.B. No. 508

AN ACT

relating to county purchase of road construction material.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.027, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The officer in charge of opening the bids shall present them to the commissioners court in session. *Except as provided by Subsection (e), the [The] court shall:*

- (1) award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid; or
- (2) reject all bids and publish a new notice.

(e) In determining the lowest and best bid for a contract for the purchase of road construction material, the commissioners court may consider the pickup and delivery locations of the bidders and the cost to the county of delivering or hauling the material to be purchased. The commissioners court may award contracts for the purchase of road construction material to more than one bidder if each of the selected bidders submits the lowest and best bid for a particular location or type of material.

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 13, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 30, 1993: Yeas 128, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 11, 1993.

Effective May 11, 1993.