

CHAPTER 785

H.B. No. 530

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of office supplies by counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3(c), County Purchasing Act (Article 2368a.5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) In applying the competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements established by Subsection (a) of this section, all separate, sequential, and/or component purchases of items ordered or purchased, with the intent of avoiding the competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements of this Act, from the same supplier by the same county officer, department, or institution are treated as if they are part of a single purchase and of a single contract. *In applying this provision to the purchase of office supplies, separate purchases of supplies by an individual department are not considered to be part of a single purchase and single contract by the county if a specific intent to avoid the competitive bidding requirements of this Act is not present.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed by the House on May 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 530 on May 31, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 30, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.