

CHAPTER 942

H.B. No. 646

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of a county's surplus or salvage property.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 3, Chapter 647, Acts of the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, 1981 (Article 2372z, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Surplus property" means personal property *that is not salvage property or items routinely discarded as waste*, that is in excess of the needs of its owner, that is not required for the owner's foreseeable needs, and that possesses some usefulness for the purpose for which it was intended [~~or for some other purpose~~].

(2) "Salvage property" means personal property, other than *items routinely discarded as waste* [~~wastepaper~~], that because of use, time, [~~or~~] accident, *or any other cause* is so damaged, used, or *obsolete* [~~consumed~~] that it has no value for the purpose for which it was originally intended.

Sec. 3. DESTRUCTION OR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS OR SALVAGE PROPERTY.

(a) If the commissioners court *undertakes to* [~~cannot~~] sell any *item as surplus property or salvage property by competitive bid or auction under Section 2 of this Act and is unable to sell the item because no bids are made, the commissioners court* [~~it~~] may order the property to be destroyed *or disposed of* as worthless salvage.

(b) The commissioners court shall keep a record *for a period of one year* of each item of surplus or salvage property destroyed *or otherwise disposed of*.

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 by the House on March 19, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 646 on May 18, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.