

CHAPTER 697

S.B. No. 1417

AN ACT

relating to the authority to review and approve change orders to certain public works contracts.

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

SECTION 1. This Act applies to any joint board created under the provisions of Section 14, Municipal Airports Act (Article 46d-14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

SECTION 2. The term "change order" as used in this Act means an order effecting changes in the plans or specifications after performance of a contract has been commenced or a decrease or increase in the quantity of work to be performed or materials, equipment, or supplies to be furnished.

SECTION 3. A joint board covered by this Act is authorized to appoint a committee from its members to review change orders to its public works contracts. The committee shall be composed of at least three joint board members, including at least one member appointed by each of the constituent public agencies of the joint board. Otherwise, the size and composition of the committee shall be left to the discretion of the joint board appointing it. If the joint board so elects, the committee appointed hereunder shall have general authority to review and approve change orders of \$100,000 or less and to authorize commencement of the work under those change orders. All change orders in excess of \$15,000 that are approved by the committee shall be submitted to the joint board for review at its next meeting.

SECTION 4. This Act is permissive only. Any joint board may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to implement the terms of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act expires December 31, 1994.

SECTION 6. 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 May 7, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

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