Chapter 951

S.B. No. 1877

AN ACT
relating to sending notice of proposed contracts for highway
projects by e-mail.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. The heading to Section 223.003, Transportation
Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 223.003. NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONTRACTS [BY MAIL].
SECTION 2. Sections 223.003(a), (b), and (c),
Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:
(a) A person may apply to have the name of the person placed
on a [mailing] list to receive notice of any proposed contracts.
(b) The department shall send [mail] the notice to each
person on that [mailing] list. The department may send the notice
by mail or electronically to an e-mail address designated by the
person.
(c) The department may require each applicant to pay an
annual subscription fee set by the department in an amount not to
exceed the average annual costs of sending [mailing] notices to the
applicant.
SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2017.
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1877 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1877 passed the House on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-12-2017

Date

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
3 P.M. O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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TxDOT currently sends the Notice to Contractors by mail. TxDOT anticipates that emailing instead of producing, printing, and mailing notices could result in savings to the department. Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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