

HB 2218 -- Political Subdivision Construction Bidding Standards Act

Sponsor: Denison

This bill establishes the Political Subdivision Construction Bidding Standards Act which creates standards for advertising, soliciting, accepting, and rejecting competitive bids and awarding construction contracts of \$10,000 or more for political subdivisions that are not covered by a specific federal, state, or local law that is equivalent or stricter in its requirements.

Regardless of any state or local law or state or federal funding requirement to the contrary, no contract for construction will be awarded in violation of the following requirements:

- (1) No bid can be opened before the advertised deadline;
- (2) No bid can be accepted unless it is sealed and in writing;
- (3) No bid can be accepted after the advertised deadline; or
- (4) All bids must be held securely and confidentially until the bids are opened in a public meeting on the date and at the time and place advertised.

A political subdivision will not be prohibited from awarding a contract without competitive bidding when deemed necessary to remove an immediate danger to public health or safety, to prevent the loss of property, or to prevent an interruption of or to restore an essential public service.