

## **Airport Authority Bonding and State Construction Project Thresholds; HB 2336**

**HB 2336** amends law pertaining to the issuance of general obligation bonds by airport authorities enacted under the Surplus Property and Public Airport Authority Act and increase the cost thresholds under which a negotiating committee must be convened for state construction projects .

The bill increases the amount of general obligation bonds that may be issued by such boards without approval from \$1.0 million to \$10.0 million and require amounts in excess of \$10.0 million be approved by the relevant board of county commissioners, rather than by general election.

The bill permits a board of county commissioners to approve the issuance of such bonds in an amount in excess of 1.85 percent of the assessed valuation of tangible personal property within the county.

The bill further specifies any issuance of bonds subject to approval by a board of county commissioners can be petitioned by qualified electors of the county to be submitted to a general election in the manner provided for in continuing law.

Additionally, the bill increases the cost thresholds for state building projects at which a negotiating committee must be convened for the selection of architectural, engineering, or land surveying services to \$1.5 million and provide for future increases to the thresholds that will begin in FY 2025 and be based upon increases in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

[*Note:* Current law sets the cost threshold at \$1.0 million for the Department of Administration and \$500,000 for all other state agencies.]

The bill also limits the costs applying to the thresholds from the total project costs to the construction costs of the project.