1                                   AN ACT

2  relating to broker agreements for the leasing of real property

3  owned by a county.

4         BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5         SECTION 1.   Sections 263.008(b), (c), (d), and (e), Local

6  Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

7         (b)  The commissioners court of a county may contract with a

8  broker to sell or lease a tract of real property that is owned by the

9  county.

10        (c)  The commissioners court of a county may pay a fee if a

11 broker produces a ready, willing, and able buyer or lessee to

12 purchase or lease a tract of real property.

13        (d)  If a contract made under Subsection (b) requires a

14 broker to list the tract of real property for sale or lease for at

15 least 30 days with a multiple-listing service used by other brokers

16 in the county, the commissioners court on or after the 30th day

17 after the date the property is listed may sell or lease the tract of

18 real property to a ready, willing, and able buyer or lessee who is

19 produced by any broker using the multiple-listing service and who

20 submits the highest cash offer.

21        (e)  The commissioners court may sell or lease a tract of

22 real property under this section without complying with the

23 requirements for conducting a public auction, including the

24 requirements prescribed by Section 263.001.

1    SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2  a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3  provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  If this
4  Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5  Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate                        Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1288 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote:  Yeas 140, Nays 0, 5 present, not voting.

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                                              Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1288 was passed by the Senate on May 11, 2017, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                                              Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  _____
                    Date


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        Governor