

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 4314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting certain preferences in a political subdivision contractor selection process.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 271.909 to read as follows:

Sec. 271.909. CERTAIN CONTRACTING PREFERENCES PROHIBITED.

(a) In this section, "company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a political subdivision may not disqualify in any way a vendor in a contractor selection process because the vendor:

(1) is a company that engages in the exploration, production, use, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy; or

(2) invests in, assists in, or does business with a company described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Section 271.909, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contractor selection process initiated on or after the effective date of this Act.

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1           SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.