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H.B. No. 845

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a purchasing preference for Texas vendors.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 2155.444, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.444. PREFERENCE TO TEXAS AND UNITED STATES PRODUCTS AND TEXAS SERVICES.

SECTION 2. Section 2155.444, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(c) In this section: [7]

(1) "Agricultural [~~agricultural~~] products" includes textiles and other similar products.

(2) "Texas bidder" means a business:

(A) incorporated in this state;

(B) that has its principal place of business in this state; or

(C) that has an established physical presence in this state.

(e) The commission and all state agencies procuring services shall give preference to services offered by a Texas bidder if:

(1) the services meet state requirements regarding the service to be performed and expected quality; and

1 (2) the cost of the service does not exceed the cost of
2 other similar services of similar expected quality that are not
3 offered by a Texas bidder.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.