

1-1 By: Howard (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 845
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a purchasing preference for Texas vendors.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 2155.444, Government
1-11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 2155.444. PREFERENCE TO TEXAS AND UNITED STATES
1-13 PRODUCTS AND TEXAS SERVICES.

1-14 SECTION 2. Section 2155.444, Government Code, is amended by
1-15 amending Subsection (c) and by adding Subsection (e) to read as
1-16 follows:

1-17 (c) In this section: [7]

1-18 (1) "Agricultural [~~agricultural~~] products" includes
1-19 textiles and other similar products.

1-20 (2) "Texas bidder" means a business:

1-21 (A) incorporated in this state;

1-22 (B) that has its principal place of business in
1-23 this state; or

1-24 (C) that has an established physical presence in
1-25 this state.

1-26 (e) The commission and all state agencies procuring
1-27 services shall give preference to services offered by a Texas
1-28 bidder if:

1-29 (1) the services meet state requirements regarding the
1-30 service to be performed and expected quality; and

1-31 (2) the cost of the service does not exceed the cost of
1-32 other similar services of similar expected quality that are not
1-33 offered by a Texas bidder.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-35 * * * * *