

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 969

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring commissioners and vendors of the Port of  
3 Houston Authority of Harris County, Texas, to disclose certain  
4 financial relationships.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 117, Acts of the 55th Legislature,  
7 Regular Session, 1957, is amended by adding Section 1A to read as  
8 follows:

9 Sec. 1A. DISCLOSURE OF VENDOR RELATIONSHIP. (a) The Port  
10 Commission of the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County,  
11 Texas, shall prescribe a conflicts disclosure statement for vendors  
12 and port commissioners.

13 (b) A port commissioner shall disclose on the conflicts  
14 disclosure statement any employment or other business relationship  
15 the commissioner has with a vendor who participates, as a bidder or  
16 in another manner, in the purchasing procedures used by the  
17 Authority, if that relationship results in the commissioner's  
18 receipt of taxable income from the vendor. The commissioner must  
19 include on the statement a description of the nature and extent of  
20 the relationship.

21 (c) The port commissioner must file the disclosure  
22 statement with the clerk of the county not later than the 10th day  
23 after the date the commissioner becomes aware of the vendor's  
24 participation, by the submission of a bid or in another manner, in

1 the purchasing procedures of the Authority.

2 (d) A vendor described by Subsection (b) shall file a  
3 conflicts disclosure statement with the clerk of the county not  
4 later than the 10th day after the vendor:

5 (1) begins contract discussions or negotiations with  
6 the Authority; or

7 (2) forwards an application, response to a request for  
8 proposal, correspondence, or other writings related to an agreement  
9 or potential agreement with the Authority.

10 (e) A vendor shall file an updated conflicts disclosure  
11 statement with the clerk of the county:

12 (1) on September 1 of each year; and

13 (2) after each event that would make a statement in the  
14 conflicts disclosure statement incomplete or inaccurate.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.