

AN ACT

relating to certain purchases by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.021. DELEGATED PURCHASES. The commission is delegated the authority to purchase goods and services under Section 2155.132(a), Government Code, if the purchase does not exceed \$300,000.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.057 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.057. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING RULES. The commission is not required to follow any purchasing procedures prescribed by or under the following laws when the commission makes a purchase in connection with the remediation of surface locations or well plugging:

(1) Subchapter E, Chapter 2155, Government Code;

(2) Section 2161.003 or 2161.004, Government Code;

(3) Subchapters D and F, Chapter 2161, Government Code; and

(4) Subchapters B and C, Chapter 2177, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Section 2158.004, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1       (e) Except for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle for  
2 use in a nonattainment area designated under Section 107(d) of the  
3 federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7407), as amended,  
4 Subsection (a) does not apply to a purchase or lease by the Railroad  
5 Commission of Texas.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2444 was passed by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2444 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor