

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to abolishing the requirement that certain state agencies  
3 participate in travel services contracts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 2171.052(b) and (c), Government Code,  
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The central travel office may [~~shall~~] negotiate  
8 contracts with private travel agents, with travel and  
9 transportation providers, and with credit card companies that  
10 provide travel services and other benefits to the state. The  
11 central travel office may [~~shall~~] negotiate with commercial lodging  
12 establishments to obtain the most cost-effective rates possible for  
13 state employees traveling on state business.

14 (c) The commission may [~~shall~~] make contracts with travel  
15 agents that meet certain reasonable requirements prescribed by the  
16 central travel office, allowing contracts to provide travel  
17 services by as many private travel agents as possible with  
18 preference given to resident entities of this state.

19 SECTION 2. Section 2171.055(a), Government Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) State agencies in the executive branch of state  
22 government may [~~shall~~] participate under commission rules in the  
23 commission's contracts for travel services, provided that all  
24 travel agents approved by the commission are permitted to contract

1 with the state and provide travel services to all state agencies.

2 SECTION 3. Sections 2171.052(e) and 2171.055(b), (c), and  
3 (d), Government Code, are repealed.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.