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S.B. No. 761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain contracts awarded by the Veterans' Land Board be subject to competitive bidding.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 161.175, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board may award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 [~~\$10,000~~] to purchase supplies, materials, services, and equipment for use by the board in connection with improvements to, repairs to, or maintenance of land and with roadways and improvements located on land that are undertaken by the board under this chapter to make the land more marketable or useable without the necessity of soliciting or obtaining competitive bids. The board may not award a contract under this subsection in an amount that exceeds \$25,000 [~~\$10,000~~] without soliciting or obtaining competitive bids.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.