By: Estes S.B. No. 761

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement that certain contracts awarded by the

Veterans' Land Board be subject to competitive bidding.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.175(c), Natural Resources Code, is

6 amended to read as follows:

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- 7 (c) The board may award a contract in an amount not to exceed
- 8  $\frac{$25,000}{}$  [ $\frac{$10,000}{}$ ] to purchase supplies, materials, services, and
- 9 equipment for use by the board in connection with improvements to,
- 10 repairs to, or maintenance of land and with roadways and
- improvements located on land that are undertaken by the board under
- 12 this chapter to make the land more marketable or useable without the
- 13 necessity of soliciting or obtaining competitive bids. The board
- 14 may not award a contract under this subsection in an amount that
- 15 exceeds \$25,000 [\$10,000] without soliciting or obtaining
- 16 competitive bids.
- 17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.