1-1 S.B. No. 761 By: Estes 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed Febraury 28, 2003; March 5, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources; 1-4 March 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, 1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-8 relating to the requirement that certain contracts awarded by the Veterans' Land Board be subject to competitive bidding. 1-9

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

1-10 1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 161.175, Natural 1-12 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (c) The board may award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 [\$10,000] to purchase supplies, materials, services, and 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 equipment for use by the board in connection with improvements to, repairs to, or maintenance of land and with roadways and 1-17 improvements located on land that are undertaken by the board under 1-18 this chapter to make the land more marketable or useable without the 1-19 necessity of soliciting or obtaining competitive bids. The board 1-20 1-21 may not award a contract under this subsection in an amount that \$25**,**000 [\$10,000] without exceeds soliciting or obtaining 1-22 competitive bids.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-24 1**-**25 1**-**26 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. 1-27

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