

1-1 By: West (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 773
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 7, 2005;
1-3 April 11, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; April 25, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; April 25, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 773 By: Eltife

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to certain purchases by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 2155.149 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 2155.149. CERTAIN PURCHASES BY RAILROAD COMMISSION OF
1-15 TEXAS. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas is delegated all
1-16 purchasing functions relating to purchases under:

- 1-17 (1) Chapter 89, Natural Resources Code; or
1-18 (2) Sections 91.111 and 91.112, Natural Resources
1-19 Code.

1-20 (b) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall acquire goods and
1-21 services, under Subsection (a), by any procurement method that
1-22 provides the best value to the railroad commission. The railroad
1-23 commission shall consider the best value standards listed in
1-24 Section 2155.074.

1-25 (c) The commission shall procure goods and services, under
1-26 Subsection (a), for the Railroad Commission of Texas at the request
1-27 of the railroad commission, and the railroad commission may use the
1-28 services of the commission in procuring goods and services.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 81.057, Natural Resources Code, is
1-30 amended to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 81.057. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING RULES. The
1-32 commission is not required to follow any purchasing procedures
1-33 prescribed by or under the following laws when the commission makes
1-34 a purchase in connection with the remediation of surface locations
1-35 or well plugging:

- 1-36 (1) Subchapter E, Chapter 2155, Government Code; and
1-37 (2) [~~Section 2161.003 or 2161.004, Government Code,~~
1-38 ~~(3) Subchapters D and F, Chapter 2161, Government~~
1-39 ~~Code; and~~
1-40 ~~(4)~~ Subchapters B and C, Chapter 2177, Government
1-41 Code.

1-42 SECTION 3. Section 81.021, Natural Resources Code, is
1-43 repealed.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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