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relating to a preference in state purchasing for certain media-related services offered by businesses based in Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2155.444, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(f) The comptroller and each state agency conducting an

advertising campaign that involves the creation or production of a commercial shall give preference to a commercial production company and advertising agency located in this state if:

(1) the services meet state requirements regarding the service to be performed and regarding expected quality; and

(2) the cost of the service does not exceed the cost of other similar services of similar expected quality that are offered by a bidder that is not entitled to a preference under this subsection.

(g) company" For purposes of Subsection (f), "commercial production means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other private entity that includes as one of its purposes the production of one or more television, film, radio, or

other media-related commercials.

(h) The Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office within the office of the governor has exclusive rulemaking authority for purposes of:

(1) determining whether an advertising campaign is subject to the requirements of this section;
(2) establishing a bid process for purposes of the services described by Subsection (f); and

(3) establishing criteria to determine whether commercial production company or advertising agency is located in this state for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

to a contract for which a state agency first advertises or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract for which a state agency first advertised or otherwise solicited bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the first advertisement or solicitation was given, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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