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H.B. No. 278

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the preference given by state agencies for certain goods and services produced or offered by small businesses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.454 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.454. PREFERENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS. (a) In this section, "small business" has the meaning assigned by Section 2155.505.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the comptroller and each state agency that enters into a contract for the purchase of goods or services with a value of less than \$500,000 shall give preference to goods or services produced or offered by a small business.

(c) This section does not apply to the purchase of telecommunications equipment, telecommunications services, advanced communications services, or information services, as those terms are defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 153.

(d) The comptroller may adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract for goods or services that is entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

1 date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued
2 in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect December 1, 2017.