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H.B. No. 224

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to contracting with companies that boycott or discriminate
3 against certain entities.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Freedom of Speech
6 Act."

7 SECTION 2. Section 403.606, Government Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 403.606. CERTAIN PERSONS INELIGIBLE. A person is not
10 eligible to submit an application to the comptroller or enter into
11 an agreement under this subchapter if the person is a company that
12 is listed as ineligible to receive a state contract or investment
13 under Chapter 808, 809, 2270, [2271,] or 2275 [2274, as added by
14 Chapters 529 (S.B. 13), 530 (S.B. 19), and 975 (S.B. 2116), Acts of
15 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021].

16 SECTION 3. Section 2400.0015, Government Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 2400.0015. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply
19 to an investment prohibited under Chapter 808 [~~or a contract~~
20 ~~prohibited under Chapter 2271~~].

21 SECTION 4. The following chapters of the Government Code
22 are repealed:

- 23 (1) Chapter 2271;
24 (2) Chapter 2274; and

1 (3) Chapter 2276.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.