

CHAPTER 896

H.B. No. 1278

An Act relating to the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or agricultural products by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 3.28, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.28. PREFERENCE TO TEXAS AND UNITED STATES PRODUCTS. (a) The commission and all state agencies making purchases of supplies, materials, ~~or~~ equipment, or agricultural products shall give preference to those produced or grown in Texas or offered by Texas bidders on the following basis:

(i) *Supplies, materials, or equipment produced in Texas or offered by Texas bidders shall be given equal preference, the cost to the state and quality being equal.*

(ii) *Agricultural products grown in Texas shall be given first preference and second preference shall be given to those agricultural products offered by Texas bidders, the cost to the state and quality being equal.*

(b) If supplies, materials, ~~or~~ equipment, *or agricultural products produced or grown in Texas or offered by Texas bidders are not equal in cost and quality, then supplies, materials, ~~or~~ equipment, or agricultural products produced or grown in other states of the United States of America shall be given preference over foreign ~~foreign-made~~ products, the cost to the state and quality being equal.*

(c) *In this section, "agricultural products" includes items such as textiles.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 24, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1278 on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985