

CHAPTER 662

S.B. No. 1171

An Act relating to the provision of computer services to state agencies by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission; amending the State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) by adding Article 12.

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

SECTION 1. The State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Article 12 to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 12. COMPUTER SERVICES

"Section 12.01. COMPUTER SERVICE FACILITY. The commission shall operate a computer service facility and provide computer services on a full-cost charge-back basis to state agencies that choose to subscribe to the service. Contracts for computer services shall not be subject to the requirements of The Interagency Cooperation Act (Article 4413(32), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), but shall be binding upon the contracting parties for the term of the contract.

"Section 12.02. COMPUTER SERVICES. The services may include automation feasibility studies, systems analysis and design, program development and maintenance, computer operation, remote device installation and services, data processing facilities management, consulting, and other related services.

"Section 12.03. PAYMENT. (a) The commission shall develop a system of billings and charges for all services provided to assure full cost recovery for the services and to allow for continued operation of the computer service facility according to participating agencies' requirements.

"(b) The commission shall submit a purchase voucher to each participating agency after the close of each month for the services rendered, materials used, and any other costs related to the services provided to the agency.

"Section 12.04. REVOLVING ACCOUNT. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall establish in the State Treasury the State Purchasing and General Services Commission Automated Services revolving fund account for the administration of this article.

"Funds that have accrued to the revolving fund from billings to using agencies prior to the passage of this amendment to the Act are appropriated for use by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission for the purposes stated in Subdivisions (2) and (3) of this Subsection for continuing the services to the using agencies. The account shall be used:

"(1) as a depository for funds received as payments from agencies for services provided under this article;

"(2) as a source of funds for the commission to purchase, lease, or acquire in any other manner services, supplies, software products, and equipment necessary for carrying out the commission's duties under this article; and

"(3) to pay salaries, wages, and other costs directly attributable to the services provided under this article.

"(b) The commission shall include in its annual report a statement on the revolving account indicating the kinds and amounts of deposits and expenditures."

SECTION 2. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendments on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas; passed the House, with amendments, on May 20, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas.

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