

## CHAPTER 784

## H.B. No. 1878

## AN ACT

relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and to the authority's efforts to support minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.031(c), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The authority may issue and sell general obligation bonds of the state not to exceed \$100 [~~\$25~~] million outstanding at any one time for the purpose of providing money to establish a Texas agricultural fund. The authority may issue the bonds in one or several installments.

SECTION 2. Section 58.021, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c) *The authority shall make a good faith effort to:*

(1) *award to minority-owned businesses contracts relating to the issuance of bonds by the authority under this chapter in the amount of 20 percent of the total costs of issuing those bonds; and*

(2) *approve for minority-owned businesses loan guarantees in the amount of at least 20 percent of the total loan guarantees approved by the authority.*

(d) *The authority shall make a good faith effort to:*

(1) *award to women-owned businesses contracts relating to the issuance of bonds by the authority under this chapter in the amount of 10 percent of the total costs of issuing those bonds; and*

(2) *approve for women-owned businesses loan guarantees in the amount of at least 10 percent of the total loan guarantees approved by the authority.*

(e) *Not later than November 30 of each year, the authority shall file a written report with the governor and each house of the legislature containing the following information for the previous fiscal year by minority group, by gender, and by region of the state:*

(1) *the total dollar amount of loan guarantees approved by the authority;*

(2) *the total number of loan guarantees approved by the authority;*

(3) *the total number of businesses submitting applications to the authority for loan guarantees;*

(4) *the total number of contracts relating to the issuance of bonds by the authority under this chapter;*

(5) *the total dollar amount the authority must pay under each contract described by Subdivision (4) of this section; and*

(6) *the total number of businesses submitting bids or proposals relating to the issuance of bonds by the authority under this chapter.*

(f) *In this section:*

(1) *“Minority-owned business” means a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned by members of a minority group or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent of the shares of which are owned by members of a minority group and that is managed and controlled by members of a minority group in its daily operations.*

(2) *“Minority group” includes:*

(A) *African Americans;*

(B) *American Indians;*

(C) *Asian Americans; and*

(D) *Mexican Americans and other Americans of Hispanic origin.*

(3) *“Women-owned business” means a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned by women or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent of the shares of which are owned by women and that is managed and controlled by women in its daily operations.*

**SECTION 3.** This Act takes effect on the date of the adoption of the constitutional amendment proposed by the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, providing for an increase in the principal amount of bonds for the support of the Texas agricultural fund that may be outstanding at one time. If that amendment is not adopted, this Act has no effect.

**SECTION 4.** 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 May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 17, 1993.

Effective upon adoption by the voters of constitutional amendment as provided in § 3.