

CHAPTER 698

H.B. No. 829

AN ACT

relating to requiring a report from state agencies about certain purchasing contracts awarded to nonresident bidders or nonresident subcontractors.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 2.081 to read as follows:

Sec. 2.081. REPORTS ON NONRESIDENT BIDDERS. (a) In this section, "nonresident bidder" means a bidder who does not maintain a permanently staffed full-time office in this state.

(b) During January and July of each year, a state agency shall file with the presiding officer of each house of the legislature and the presiding officers of the house appropriations committee and the senate finance committee a report that identifies each nonresident bidder to whom the agency awarded a contract with a value of \$25,000 or more for the purchase of supplies, materials, services, or equipment during the six calendar months preceding the month in which the report is filed, if the agency awarded such a contract during the reporting period.

(c) A contractor to whom a state agency has awarded a contract shall report to the agency the identity of each nonresident bidder to whom the contractor has awarded a subcontract with a value of \$25,000 or more, under the state contract, for the purchase of supplies, materials, services, or equipment. The state agency shall report that information in the manner prescribed by Subsection (b) for contracts awarded by the agency.

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 by the House on April 23, 1993: Yeas 121, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective June 16, 1993.