

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the exemption from competitive bidding for certain
3 purchases.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2155.132(e), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (e) Competitive bidding, whether formal or informal, is
8 ~~[not]~~ required for a purchase by a state agency if the purchase:

9 (1) exceeds \$5,000; and

10 (2) is made under a written contract ~~[does not exceed~~
11 ~~\$2,000, or a greater amount prescribed by commission rule].~~

12 SECTION 2. Section 2157.0611, Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 2157.0611. REQUIREMENT TO EVALUATE THREE OFFERS WHEN
15 POSSIBLE. A catalog purchase or lease that exceeds \$5,000 ~~[\$2,000]~~
16 or that is made under a written contract ~~[a greater amount~~
17 ~~prescribed by commission rule]~~ shall, when possible, be based on an
18 evaluation of at least three catalog offers made to the commission
19 or other state agency by catalog information systems vendors. If at
20 least three catalog offers are not evaluated by the commission or
21 other state agency before a purchase or lease is made that exceeds
22 the threshold amount or is made under a written contract, the
23 commission or other agency shall document the reasons for that fact
24 before making the purchase or lease under Section 2157.063.

1 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
2 2155.132(e) and 2157.0611, Government Code, apply only to a
3 purchase under a contract entered into on or after the effective
4 date of this Act. A purchase under a contract entered into before
5 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
6 the date the contract was entered into, and the former law is
7 continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

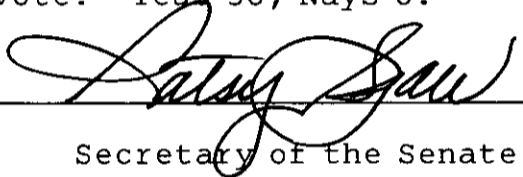
I certify that H.B. No. 119 was passed by the House on March 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 119 on May 23, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 119 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 119

I certify that H.B. No. 119 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 119 on May 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.


Secretary of the Senate

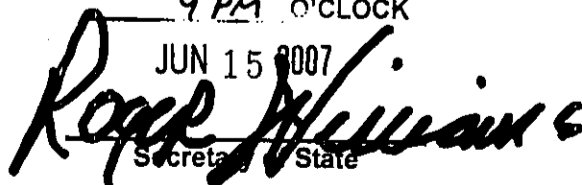
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