

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the state is required to give purchasing preference to a Texas-based company if the price and quality of its products are equal to an out-of-state bidder. H.B. 845 extends the preference to services.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends the heading to Section 2155.444, Government Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.444. PREFERENCE TO TEXAS AND UNITED STATES PRODUCTS AND TEXAS SERVICES.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2155.444, Government Code, by amending Subsection (c) and by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(c) Defines "Texas bidder." Makes conforming changes.

(e) Requires the Texas Building and Procurement Commission and all state agencies procuring services to give preference to services offered by a Texas bidder if certain qualifications are met.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.