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S.B. No. 733

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase by certain local governments of an item from a local vendor.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 271.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 271.907. PURCHASE FROM LOCAL VENDOR. (a) This section applies only to a local government, as defined by Section 271.081, that is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less.

(b) In this section, "local vendor" means a vendor who has a place of business located in:

(1) a county in which any part of the local government that seeks to purchase an item under this section is located; or

(2) a county contiguous to a county described by Subdivision (1).

(c) A local government may purchase an item from a local vendor without following a competitive purchasing procedure if that vendor's price is equal to or less than the price at which the local government could purchase the item under a government purchasing program of this state such as those described by Subchapter D, F, or G or by Section 2155.504, Government Code.

(d) A purchase under this section satisfies any law requiring the local government to purchase an item under a

1 competitive purchasing procedure.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.