

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF EXTENDING THE BIDDERS PREFERENCE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PURCHASING LAW TO SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the bidders preference in the State Purchasing Law presently only applies to Arkansas firms which sell commodities to public agencies; and

WHEREAS, public agencies also contract for services; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas firms which provide services to public agencies are not now able to claim a preference over out-of-state firms; and

WHEREAS, drafting a preference law for Arkansas service providers appears to be a very complex project; and

WHEREAS, such a task should be performed between legislative sessions when there is adequate time to properly study the issues and address all of the problems, both legal and mechanical, involved in producing an acceptable document; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs is the appropriate body to conduct such study,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

That the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs is hereby requested to conduct a study of the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to grant a bidders preference to Arkansas firms who provide services to public agencies.