

- SUBJECT:** General Services Commission statutory cleanup
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 14 ayes — Wolens, S. Turner, Alvarado, Brimer, Carter, Counts, Craddick, Danburg, Hilbert, Hunter, Longoria, McCall, Ramsay, Stiles
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — D. Jones
- WITNESSES:** For — None
- Against — None
- On — Dan Bremer, General Services Commission
- BACKGROUND :** The 74th Legislature enacted SB 958 by Harris, which codified and reorganized the State Purchasing and General Services Act, VACS art. 601b, into Subtitle D, Title 10 of the Government Code.
- DIGEST:** HB 3206 would make conforming and cleanup changes to the State Purchasing and General Services Act regarding personnel issues and surplus property. The changes proposed by HB 3206 include:
- removing the restriction over which areas associate deputy directors may serve;
 - stating that the Texas Civil Air Patrol has the authority to acquire surplus or salvage property;
 - reducing the notice that must be given for transfer of state surplus property from 35 days to one month;
 - exempting certain recyclable materials from the provisions relating to disposal of surplus property when such disposition is not in the best interest of the state;
 - changing the designation of “wastepaper” to “paper for recycling,” and

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- combining two sections relating to the operation of the federal surplus property program.

HB 3206 would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.

SUPPORTERS
SAY:

HB 3206 is a cleanup bill needed to make minor changes to the nonsubstantive codification enacted in 1995. All changes made have been recommended by GSC, and none would have a fiscal impact.

The one major substantive change in law, reducing the notice requirement for state surplus property from 35 days to one month would help state agencies who must file reports monthly. It would eliminate an inflexible requirement that results in duplicate listings.

Recyclable materials are currently treated differently by GSC, and the change made by HB 3206 would merely conform to current practices.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.

NOTES:

A companion bill, SB 833 by Armbrister, passed the Senate on April 3 on the Local and Uncontested Calendar and was reported favorably, without amendment, by the House State Affairs Committee on April 24, making it eligible to be considered in lieu of HB 3206.