

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to local government construction preferences; creating s. 255.0991, F.S.; prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

255.0991 Contracts for construction services; prohibited local government preferences.-

(1) For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which 20 percent or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds, a local ordinance or regulation may not restrict a certified contractor as defined in s. 489.105(8) from competing for an award based upon:

(a) The vendor's maintaining an office or place of business within a particular local jurisdiction;

(b) The vendor's hiring employees or subcontractors from

27 within a particular local jurisdiction; or

28 (c) The vendor's prior payment of local taxes,
29 assessments, or duties within a particular local jurisdiction.

30 (2) For any competitive solicitation subject to this
31 section, a state college, county, municipality, school district,
32 or other political subdivision shall disclose in the
33 solicitation document whether payment will be made from funds
34 appropriated by the state and, if known, the amount of such
35 funds or the percentage of such funds as compared to the
36 anticipated total cost of the construction services.

37 (3) Except as provided in subsection (1), this section
38 does not prevent a state college, county, municipality, school
39 district, or other political subdivision of this state from
40 awarding a contract to any vendor in accordance with applicable
41 state laws or local ordinances or regulations.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.