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SENATE BILL No. 584

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Citations Affected: IC 5-22; IC 36-1.

Synopsis: Local Indiana business preference. Provides a price preference to local Indiana businesses bidding on purchasing and public works contracts awarded by political subdivisions.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce & Economic Development.
February 15, 2011, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-22-15-20.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 20.9. (a) This section applies only**
- 4 **to a contract awarded by a political subdivision.**
- 5 **(b) As used in this section, "affected county" refers to a county:**
- 6 **(1) in which the political subdivision awarding a contract**
- 7 **under this article is located; or**
- 8 **(2) that is adjacent to the county described in subdivision (1).**
- 9 **(c) As used in this section, "local Indiana business" refers to any**
- 10 **of the following:**
- 11 **(1) A business whose principal place of business is located in**
- 12 **an affected county.**
- 13 **(2) A business that pays a majority of its payroll (in dollar**
- 14 **volume) to residents of affected counties.**
- 15 **(3) A business that employs residents of affected counties as**
- 16 **a majority of its employees.**
- 17 **(4) A business that makes significant capital investments in**

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the affected counties as defined in rules adopted by the political subdivision.

(5) A business that has a substantial positive economic impact on the affected counties as defined by criteria in rules adopted by the political subdivision.

(d) There are the following price preferences for supplies purchased from a local Indiana business:

(1) Five percent (5%) for a purchase expected by the purchasing agency to be less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(2) Three percent (3%) for a purchase expected by the purchasing agency to be at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) but less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(3) One percent (1%) for a purchase expected by the purchasing agency to be at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), a purchasing agency may award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible offeror, regardless of the preference provided in this section, if the lowest responsive and responsible offeror is a local Indiana business.

(f) A business that wants to claim a preference provided under this section must do all the following:

(1) State in the business's bid that the business claims the preference provided by this section.

(2) Provide the following information to the purchasing agency:

(A) The location of the business's principal place of business. If the business claims the preference as a local Indiana business described in subsection (c)(1), a statement explaining the reasons the business considers the location named as the business's principal place of business.

(B) The amount of the business's total payroll and the amount of the business's payroll paid to residents of affected counties.

(C) The number of the business's employees and the number of the business's employees who are residents of affected counties.

(D) If the business claims the preference as a local Indiana business described in subsection (c)(4), a description of the capital investments made in the affected counties and a statement of the amount of those capital investments.

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(E) If the business claims the preference as a local Indiana business described in subsection (c)(5), a description of the substantial positive economic impact the business has on the affected counties.

SECTION 2. IC 36-1-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies whenever the cost of a public work project will be:

- (1) at least seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in:
 - (A) a consolidated city or second class city;
 - (B) a county containing a consolidated city or second class city; or
 - (C) a regional water or sewage district established under IC 13-26; or
- (2) at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a political subdivision or an agency not described in subdivision (1).

- (b) The board must comply with the following procedure:
 - (1) The board shall prepare general plans and specifications describing the kind of public work required, but shall avoid specifications which might unduly limit competition. If the project involves the resurfacing (as defined by IC 8-14-2-1) of a road, street, or bridge, the specifications must show how the weight or volume of the materials will be accurately measured and verified.
 - (2) The board shall file the plans and specifications in a place reasonably accessible to the public, which shall be specified in the notice required by subdivision (3).
 - (3) Upon the filing of the plans and specifications, the board shall publish notice in accordance with IC 5-3-1 calling for sealed proposals for the public work needed.
 - (4) The notice must specify the place where the plans and specifications are on file and the date fixed for receiving bids.
 - (5) The period of time between the date of the first publication and the date of receiving bids shall be governed by the size of the contemplated project in the discretion of the board. The period of time between the date of the first publication and receiving bids may not be more than:
 - (A) six (6) weeks if the estimated cost of the public works project is less than twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000); and
 - (B) ten (10) weeks if the estimated cost of the public works project is at least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000).

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- 1 (6) If the cost of a project is one hundred thousand dollars
 2 (\$100,000) or more, the board shall require the bidder to submit
 3 a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan
 4 or plans for performing the public work, and the equipment that
 5 the bidder has available for the performance of the public work.
 6 The statement shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the state
 7 board of accounts.
- 8 (7) The board may not require a bidder to submit a bid before the
 9 meeting at which bids are to be received. The meeting for
 10 receiving bids must be open to the public. All bids received shall
 11 be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place
 12 designated and not before.
- 13 (8) Except as provided in subsection (c) **or section 22 of this**
 14 **chapter**, the board shall:
- 15 (A) award the contract for public work or improvements to the
 16 lowest responsible and responsive bidder; or
 17 (B) reject all bids submitted.
- 18 (9) If the board awards the contract to a bidder other than the
 19 lowest bidder, the board must state in the minutes or memoranda,
 20 at the time the award is made, the factors used to determine which
 21 bidder is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and to
 22 justify the award. The board shall keep a copy of the minutes or
 23 memoranda available for public inspection.
- 24 (10) In determining whether a bidder is responsive, the board may
 25 consider the following factors:
- 26 (A) Whether the bidder has submitted a bid or quote that
 27 conforms in all material respects to the specifications.
 28 (B) Whether the bidder has submitted a bid that complies
 29 specifically with the invitation to bid and the instructions to
 30 bidders.
 31 (C) Whether the bidder has complied with all applicable
 32 statutes, ordinances, resolutions, or rules pertaining to the
 33 award of a public contract.
- 34 (11) In determining whether a bidder is a responsible bidder, the
 35 board may consider the following factors:
- 36 (A) The ability and capacity of the bidder to perform the work.
 37 (B) The integrity, character, and reputation of the bidder.
 38 (C) The competence and experience of the bidder.
- 39 (12) The board shall require the bidder to submit an affidavit:
 40 (A) that the bidder has not entered into a combination or
 41 agreement:
 42 (i) relative to the price to be bid by a person;

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- 1 (ii) to prevent a person from bidding; or
- 2 (iii) to induce a person to refrain from bidding; and
- 3 (B) that the bidder's bid is made without reference to any other
- 4 bid.

5 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(8), a county may award sand,
 6 gravel, asphalt paving materials, or crushed stone contracts to more
 7 than one (1) responsible and responsive bidder if the specifications
 8 allow for bids to be based upon service to specific geographic areas and
 9 the contracts are awarded by geographic area. The geographic areas do
 10 not need to be described in the specifications.

11 SECTION 3. IC 36-1-12-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2007,
 12 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4.7. (a) This section applies whenever a public
 14 work project is estimated to cost:

15 (1) at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and less than
 16 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in:

- 17 (A) a consolidated city, second class city, or third class city
 18 with a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) or more;
- 19 (B) a county containing a consolidated city or second class
 20 city; or
- 21 (C) a regional water or sewage district established under
 22 IC 13-26; or

23 (2) at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and less than
 24 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a political subdivision or
 25 agency not described in subdivision (1).

26 (b) The board must proceed under the following provisions:

- 27 (1) The board shall invite quotes from at least three (3) persons
 28 known to deal in the class of work proposed to be done by mailing
 29 them a notice stating that plans and specifications are on file in a
 30 specified office. The notice must be mailed not less than seven (7)
 31 days before the time fixed for receiving quotes.
- 32 (2) The board may not require a person to submit a quote before
 33 the meeting at which quotes are to be received. The meeting for
 34 receiving quotes must be open to the public. All quotes received
 35 shall be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place
 36 designated and not before.
- 37 (3) **Except as permitted in section 22 of this chapter**, the board
 38 shall award the contract for the public work to the lowest
 39 responsible and responsive quoter.
- 40 (4) The board may reject all quotes submitted.

41 SECTION 4. IC 36-1-12-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2007,
 42 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies whenever a public work
2 project is estimated to cost less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).
3 Except as provided in subsection (g) for local boards of aviation
4 commissioners and local airport authorities, if a contract is to be
5 awarded, the board may proceed under section 4 of this chapter or
6 under subsection (b) or (c).

7 (b) The board must proceed under the following provisions:

8 (1) The board shall invite quotes from at least three (3) persons
9 known to deal in the class of work proposed to be done by mailing
10 them a notice stating that plans and specifications are on file in a
11 specified office. The notice must be mailed not less than seven (7)
12 days before the time fixed for receiving quotes.

13 (2) The board may not require a person to submit a quote before
14 the meeting at which quotes are to be received. The meeting for
15 receiving quotes must be open to the public. All quotes received
16 shall be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place
17 designated and not before.

18 (3) **Except as permitted in section 22 of this chapter**, the board
19 shall award the contract for the public work to the lowest
20 responsible and responsive quoter.

21 (4) The board may reject all quotes submitted.

22 (5) If the board rejects all quotes under subdivision (4), ~~of this~~
23 ~~section~~, the board may negotiate and enter into agreements for the
24 work in the open market without inviting or receiving quotes if
25 the board establishes in writing the reasons for rejecting the
26 quotes.

27 (c) The board may not proceed under subsection (b) for the
28 resurfacing (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1) of a road, street, or bridge,
29 unless:

30 (1) the weight or volume of the materials in the project is capable
31 of accurate measurement and verification; and

32 (2) the specifications define the geographic points at which the
33 project begins and ends.

34 (d) For the purposes of this section, if contiguous sections of a road,
35 street, or bridge are to be resurfaced in a calendar year, all of the work
36 shall be considered to comprise a single public work project.

37 (e) The board may purchase or lease supplies in the manner
38 provided in IC 5-22 and perform the public work by means of its own
39 workforce without awarding a public work contract.

40 (f) Before the board may perform any work under this section by
41 means of its own workforce, the political subdivision or agency must
42 have a group of employees on its staff who are capable of performing

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1 the construction, maintenance, and repair applicable to that work.

2 (g) This subsection applies to local boards of aviation
3 commissioners operating under IC 8-22-2 and local airport authorities
4 operating under IC 8-22-3. If the contract is to be awarded by a board
5 to which this subsection applies, or to a designee of the board under
6 subsection (h), the board or its designee may proceed under section 4
7 of this chapter or under the following provisions. The board or its
8 designee may invite quotes from at least three (3) persons known to
9 deal in the class of work proposed to be done by mailing the persons a
10 copy of the plans and specifications for the work not less than seven (7)
11 days before the time fixed for receiving quotes. If the board or its
12 designee receives a satisfactory quote, the board or its designee shall
13 award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive quoter for
14 the class of work required **except as permitted in section 22 of this**
15 **chapter**. The board or its designee may reject all quotes submitted and,
16 if no valid quotes are received for the class of work, contract for the
17 work without further invitations for quotes.

18 (h) The board may delegate its authority to award a contract for a
19 public works project that is estimated to cost less than fifty thousand
20 dollars (\$50,000) to the airport personnel in charge of airport public
21 works projects.

22 (i) Quotes for public works projects costing less than twenty-five
23 thousand dollars (\$25,000) may be obtained by soliciting at least three
24 (3) quotes by telephone or facsimile transmission. The seven (7) day
25 waiting period required by subsection (b)(1) does not apply to quotes
26 solicited under this subsection.

27 SECTION 5. IC 36-1-12-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
28 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
29 1, 2011]: **Sec. 22. (a) The definitions in IC 5-22-15, including the**
30 **definitions in IC 5-22-15-20.9, apply in this section.**

31 **(b) The procedures described in IC 5-22-15 for determining**
32 **adjusted offers, price preference percentage, and total adjusted**
33 **offers apply in this section.**

34 **(c) The price preferences stated in IC 5-22-15-20.9 apply in this**
35 **section.**

36 **(d) Notwithstanding provisions of this chapter that require the**
37 **award of a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder**
38 **or the lowest responsive and responsible quoter, but subject to**
39 **subsection (e), a contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive**
40 **and responsible local Indiana business that claims the preference**
41 **provided by this section.**

42 **(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), a contract shall be awarded**

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1 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder or quoter,
2 regardless of the preference provided in this section, if the lowest
3 responsive and responsible bidder or quoter is a local Indiana
4 business.

5 (f) A bidder or quoter that wants to claim the preference under
6 this section must claim the preference in the same manner that a
7 business claims the preference under IC 5-22-15-20.9(f).

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 584, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 584 as introduced.)

YOUNG R MICHAEL, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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