

House Bill 1218

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd and Coleman of the 142nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government,
2 so as to require local governmental entities to publish or advertise contracts and bids for
3 services and goods via the Georgia Procurement Registry; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended
8 by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 36-91-20, relating to contracting requirements for
9 public works construction contracts, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read
10 as follows:

11 "(b) Prior to entering into a public works construction contract other than those exempted
12 by Code Section 36-91-22, a governmental entity shall publicly advertise the contract
13 opportunity. Such notice shall be posted conspicuously in the governing authority's office
14 and shall be advertised in the legal organ of the county or by electronic means on an
15 Internet website of the governmental entity or an Internet website identified by the
16 governmental entity and on an Internet website that is part of, or linked to, the Georgia
17 Procurement Registry described in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-5-69. Contract
18 opportunities shall be advertised a minimum of two times, with the first advertisement
19 occurring at least four weeks prior to the opening of the sealed bids or proposals. The
20 second advertisement shall follow no earlier than two weeks from the first advertisement.
21 Plans and specifications shall be available on the first day of the advertisement and shall
22 be open to inspection by the public. The advertisement shall include such details and
23 specifications as will enable the public to know the extent and character of the work to be
24 done. All required notices of advertisement shall also advise of any mandatory
25 prequalification requirements or pre-bid conferences as well as any federal requirements
26 pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 36-91-22."

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.