

House Bill 672

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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 provide that the Georgia Procurement Registry shall be used in addition to the  
3 official legal organ for advertisement of certain bid opportunities for goods and services and  
4 public works construction contracts by a municipal corporation, county, or local board of  
5 education; to require advertisement of certain bid opportunities by local government entities  
6 via the Georgia Procurement Registry; to provide that advertisement via the Georgia  
7 Procurement Registry shall be at no cost to local government entities; to provide for other  
8 matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended  
12 in Chapter 80, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations,  
13 and other government entities, by inserting at the end thereof a new Code Section 36-80-21  
14 to read as follows:

15 "36-80-21.

16 Each bid opportunity of a municipal corporation, county, or local board of education for  
17 goods and services valued at \$40,000.00 or more and each bid opportunity for public works  
18 construction contracts valued at \$100,000.00 or more shall be advertised by such respective  
19 local government entity by means of the Georgia Procurement Registry as established in  
20 subsection (b) of Code Section 50-5-69, and shall be advertised in the official legal organ  
21 of the municipal corporation, county, or local board of education in the same manner as  
22 required by Code Section 36-91-20. Advertisement by means of the Georgia Procurement  
23 Registry shall be at no cost to the municipal corporation, county, or local board of  
24 education. Each advertisement shall include such details and specifications as will enable  
25 the public to know the extent and character of the bid opportunity."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-20, relating to contracting and bidding  
3 requirements for public works construction contracts, by striking subsection (b) and inserting  
4 in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

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

**SECTION 3.**

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