

House Bill 311

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, McCall of the 33rd, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

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

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

12 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended
13 in Chapter 80, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations,
14 and other governmental entities, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "36-80-24.

16 Each bid opportunity of a county, municipal corporation, or local board of education for
17 goods and services valued at \$10,000.00 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 in the:

20 (1) Georgia Procurement Registry as established in subsection (b) of Code Section
21 50-5-69, at no cost to the local government entity;

22 (2) Official legal organ of the county, municipal corporation, or local board of education
23 in the same manner as required by Code Section 36-91-20; and

24 (3) Other media normally utilized by the local government entity when advertising bid
25 opportunities, including the Internet website of the local governmental entity.

26 Each advertisement shall include such details and specifications as will enable the public
27 to know the extent and character of the bid opportunity."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-20, relating to contracting and bidding
30 requirements for public works construction contracts, by revising paragraph (1) of
31 subsection (b) as follows:

32 "(b)(1) Prior to entering into a public works construction contract other than those
33 exempted by Code Section 36-91-22, a governmental entity shall publicly advertise the
34 contract opportunity. Such notice shall be posted conspicuously in the governing
35 authority's office and shall be advertised in the legal organ of the county or by electronic
36 means on an Internet website of the governmental entity or ~~an~~ any appropriate Internet
37 ~~website~~ websites identified by the governmental entity which ~~may~~ shall include the
38 Georgia Procurement Registry as provided by Code Section 50-5-69."

39 **SECTION 3.**

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