

By Representative Spratt

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Sebring Airport
 3 Authority, Highlands County; amending chapter
 4 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended;
 5 increasing the threshold for requiring bids for
 6 purchase of property and services; authorizing
 7 the exercise of the powers of industrial
 8 development authorities; providing an effective
 9 date.

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 11 WHEREAS, the Sebring Airport Authority owns and
 12 operates a regional airport and industrial park in Highlands
 13 County, and

14 WHEREAS, the threshold for requiring bids for the
 15 purchase of property and services by the Sebring Airport
 16 Authority is presently \$5,000, which is unreasonably
 17 restrictive, and

18 WHEREAS, the Authority could more expeditiously further
 19 its purpose of developing its industrial park if it were able
 20 to exercise the powers of industrial development authorities,
 21 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 25 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of
 26 Florida, as amended by chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is
 27 amended to read:

28 Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair,
 29 or alteration ~~or otherwise~~ of any facility or part of the
 30 same, or the purchase of equipment, services, or supplies
 31 involving an expenditure of more than ten ~~five~~ thousand

1 dollars(~~\$10,000~~)+(\$5,000.00), shall be awarded ~~let~~ by the
2 Authority unless the Authority advertises for sealed bids at
3 least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks and such
4 contract is awarded ~~let~~ to the lowest responsible bidder,
5 provided the Authority ~~hereunder created~~ shall have the
6 authority to reject all bids.

7 Section 2. Paragraph (o) is added to section 6 of
8 chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters
9 89-484 and 95-526, Laws of Florida, to read:

10 Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby
11 authorized and empowered:

12 (o) To exercise all of the powers of industrial
13 development authorities created pursuant to s. 159.45, Florida
14 Statutes, including the power to issue revenue bonds or other
15 debt obligations repayable solely from revenues derived from
16 the sale, operation, or leasing of projects or other payment
17 received under financing agreements with respect thereto.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
19 law.

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