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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Sebring Airport Authority,
3 Highlands County; amending section 8 of the charter of the
4 Sebring Airport Authority; providing exceptions to
5 requirements for sealed bids for contracts for
6 professional services; providing requirements for
7 procuring professional services; authorizing the authority
8 to enter into continuing contracts; providing authority
9 for selecting professional services providers under
10 continuing contracts; providing an effective date.

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

14 WHEREAS, certain exceptions for requiring bids for the
15 purchase of property and services should be included as commonly
16 exist for units of local governments and special districts, and

17 WHEREAS, professional consultant selection procedures
18 should be specified to permit maximum public benefit, NOW
19 THEREFORE,

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

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23 Section 1. Section 8 of the charter for the Sebring
24 Airport Authority, as re-created and reenacted by section 3 of
25 chapter 2005-300, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

26 Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair, or
27 alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the purchase
28 of equipment, services except professional services to which the

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29 Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act applies, or supplies
30 involving an expenditure of more than \$10,000, shall be awarded
31 by the authority unless the authority advertises for sealed bids
32 at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks and such contract
33 is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the
34 authority may reject all bids. Professional services shall be
35 procured as provided in the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation
36 Act, and the authority is authorized to enter into continuing
37 contracts with multiple qualified professional service
38 providers. If continuing contracts are executed between the
39 authority and multiple qualified professional service providers,
40 the authority is authorized to select one of the qualified
41 professional services providers to prepare a scope of work, or
42 design criteria package, as may be appropriate, and then request
43 the remaining qualified professional service providers to submit
44 bids on that project. The authority may utilize any other
45 selection process or criteria authorized by law.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.