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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/11/2011	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Ring) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Buy Florida Act."

Section 2. Section 283.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

283.35 Preference given printing within the state.—Every agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of this state shall give preference to the responsible and responsive vendor whose principal place of business is in this state and who is offering the lowest-priced



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13 ~~bid or highest-ranked proposal or reply, vendors located within~~
14 ~~the state when awarding contracts to have materials printed.~~
15 ~~Whenever such printing can be done at no greater expense than~~
16 ~~the expense of awarding a contract to a vendor located outside~~
17 ~~the state and can be done at a level of quality comparable to~~
18 ~~that obtainable from a vendor located outside the state. The~~
19 preference shall be 5 percent.

20 Section 3. Section 287.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to
21 read:

22 287.084 Preference to Florida businesses.—

23 ~~(1) When an agency, county, municipality, school district,~~
24 ~~or other political subdivision of the state is required to make~~
25 ~~purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation~~
26 ~~and the responsive lowest-priced bid or responsive highest-~~
27 ~~ranked lowest responsible and responsive bid, proposal, or reply~~
28 ~~is by a responsible vendor whose principal place of business is~~
29 ~~in a state other than this state or political subdivision~~
30 ~~thereof which grants a preference for the purchase of such~~
31 ~~personal property to a person whose principal place of business~~
32 ~~is in such state, then the agency, county, municipality, school~~
33 ~~district, or other political subdivision of this state shall may~~
34 ~~award a preference to the ~~lowest~~ responsible and responsive~~
35 ~~vendor offering the lowest-priced bid or highest-ranked proposal~~
36 ~~or reply having a principal place of business within this~~
37 ~~state, which preference is equal to the preference granted by~~
38 ~~the state or political subdivision thereof in which the lowest~~
39 ~~responsible and responsive vendor has its principal place of~~
40 ~~business. The preference given shall be 5 percent. However, this~~
41 ~~section does not apply to transportation projects for which~~



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42 federal aid funds are available.

43 ~~(2) If a solicitation provides for the granting of such~~
44 ~~preference as is provided in this section, Any vendor whose~~
45 ~~principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must~~
46 ~~accompany any written bid, proposal, or reply documents with a~~
47 ~~written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law~~
48 ~~in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none,~~
49 ~~granted by the law of that state to its own business entities~~
50 ~~whose principal places of business are in that foreign state in~~
51 ~~the letting of any or all public contracts.~~

52 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete everything before the enacting clause
57 and insert:

58 A bill to be entitled
59 An act relating to preference to Florida businesses in
60 procurement of personal property and services;
61 providing a short title; amending s. 283.35, F.S.;
62 requiring an agency, county, municipality, school
63 district, or other political subdivision of the state
64 to grant a specified preference to a vendor located
65 within the state when awarding a contract for printing
66 under certain circumstances; specifying the percentage
67 of preference to be granted; amending s. 287.084,
68 F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, an agency,
69 county, municipality, school district, or other
70 political subdivision of the state in making purchases



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71 of personal property through competitive solicitation
72 to award a preference to a responsible and responsive
73 vendor having a principal place of business within
74 this state under specified circumstances; specifying
75 the percentage of preference to be granted; deleting a
76 provision to conform to changes made by the act;
77 providing an effective date.