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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Evers moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete lines 27 - 109

and insert:

- (a) As used in this subsection, the term "competitive solicitation" has the same meaning as provided in s. 119.071(1).
- (b) 1. An unsolicited proposal received by a responsible public entity is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the responsible public entity provides notice of an intended decision for a qualifying project.

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- 2. If the responsible public entity rejects all proposals submitted pursuant to a competitive solicitation for a qualifying project and such entity concurrently provides notice of its intent to seek additional proposals for such project, the unsolicited proposal remains exempt until the responsible public entity provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation for the qualifying project or until the responsible public entity withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation for such project.
- 3. An unsolicited proposal is not exempt for longer than 90 days after the initial notice by the responsible public entity rejecting all proposals.
- (c) If the responsible public entity does not issue a competitive solicitation for a qualifying project, the unsolicited proposal ceases to be exempt 180 days after receipt of the unsolicited proposal by such entity.
- (d) 1. Any portion of a board meeting during which an unsolicited proposal that is exempt is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- 2.a. A complete recording must be made of any portion of an exempt meeting. No portion of the exempt meeting may be held off the record.
- b. The recording of, and any records generated during, the exempt meeting are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the responsible public entity provides notice of an intended decision for a qualifying project or 180 days after receipt of the unsolicited proposal by the responsible public entity if such entity does not issue a competitive solicitation for the project.

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- c. If the responsible public entity rejects all proposals and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue a competitive solicitation, the recording and any records generated at the exempt meeting remain exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the responsible public entity provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the responsible public entity withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation for such project.
- d. A recording and any records generated during an exempt meeting are not exempt for longer than 90 days after the initial notice by the responsible public entity rejecting all proposals.
- (e) This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that an unsolicited proposal received by a responsible public entity pursuant to s. 287.05712, Florida Statutes, be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution until a time certain. Prohibiting the public release of unsolicited proposals until a time certain ensures the effective and efficient administration of the public-private partnership process established in s. 287.05712, Florida Statutes. Temporarily protecting unsolicited proposals protects the public-private partnership process by encouraging private entities to submit such proposals, which will facilitate the timely development and operation of a qualifying project. Protecting such information ensures that

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other private entities do not gain an unfair competitive advantage. The public records exemption preserves public oversight of the public-private partnership process by providing for disclosure of the unsolicited proposal when the responsible public entity provides notice of an intended decision; no longer than 90 days after the responsible public entity rejects all proposals received in a competitive solicitation for a qualifying project; or 180 days after receipt of an unsolicited proposal if such entity does not issue a competitive solicitation for a qualifying project related to the proposal. (2) The Legislature further finds that it is a public necessity that any portion of a meeting of the responsible public entity during which an unsolicited proposal that is exempt from public records requirements is discussed be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that the recording of, and any records generated during, a closed meeting be made temporarily exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Failure to close any portion of a meeting during which such unsolicited proposal is discussed, and failure to protect the release of the recording and records generated during that closed meeting, would defeat the purpose of the public records exemption. In addition, the Legislature finds that public oversight is maintained because the public records exemption for the recording and records generated during any closed portion of a meeting of the responsible public entity are subject to public disclosure when such entity provides

notice of an intended decision; no longer than 90 days after the



99 responsible public entity rejects all proposals received in a 100 competitive solicitation for a qualifying project; or 180 days after receipt of an unsolicited proposal if the responsible 101 102 public entity does not issue a competitive solicitation for a 103 qualifying project related to the proposal.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 3 - 15

108 and insert:

> amending s. 287.05712, F.S., relating to qualifying public-private projects for public facilities and infrastructure; defining the term "competitive solicitation"; providing an exemption from public records requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity for a specified period; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of a responsible public entity during which exempt proposals are discussed; requiring a recording to be made of the closed meeting; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the recording of, and any records generated during, a closed meeting for a specified period; providing for