



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

SENATE BILL 31: Political Subdivisions/Local Bidders Notice.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	February 17, 2021
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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 31 amends the procedures for letting public contracts by creating an additional regular or electronic mail notification requirement for contracts to be let by a political subdivision of the State in an amount equal to or more than \$50,000 if requested by a person or business located within the jurisdictional boundary of the political subdivision.

CURRENT LAW: If a contract is to be let by a political subdivision, current law requires invitations for bid proposals be advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the political subdivision, by electronic means, or both.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 31 creates an additional notification requirement for bid proposal invitations for contracts to be let by a political subdivision of the State. It requires each of the following:

- Invitations be sent by regular or electronic mail to persons or businesses located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision that have requested notices from the political subdivision for the type of work being bid if the estimated expenditure of the work is \$50,000 or more.
- Approval by the governing board of the political subdivision of the State, at a regular meeting of the board, for a decision to send notifications solely by electronic means.
- Notifications be sent at least seven full days before the date of the opening of bids.
- Notifications include the time and place where plans and specifications of proposed work or a complete description of the apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment may be had; state the time and place for opening of the proposals; and reserve to the board or governing body the right to reject any or all proposals.

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