



# SENATE BILL 31: Political Subdivisions/Local Bidders Notice.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 31 amends the procedures for letting certain 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 establishes that a political subdivision satisfies the notification obligation if documentation of its good faith efforts can be shown. The act also provides:

- Invitations must 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 both of the following types of contracts:
  - Construction or repair work being bid if the estimated expenditure of the work is \$50,000 or more.
  - The purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment being bid if the estimated expenditure of the work is \$50,000 or more.
- Notifications must be sent to the mailing or electronic address provided by the person or business.
- Notifications must be sent at least seven full days before the date of the bid opening.
- Notifications must include the same information required of advertisements by G.S. 143-129(b).

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