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A Bill

SENATE BILL 540

4
5 By: Senator Files
6 By: Representative Pitsch

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE PROCUREMENTS FOR WATER,
10 WASTEWATER, AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECTS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO REGULATE PROCUREMENTS FOR WATER,
16 WASTEWATER, AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE
17 PROJECTS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 19-11-267. Water, wastewater, and storm water drainage projects.

25 (a) As used in this section, "acceptable piping material" means piping
26 material that meets or exceeds the standards issued by the American Society
27 for Testing and Materials and the American Water Works Association, as the
28 standards existed on January 1, 2015.

29 (b) A state agency, political subdivision, water district, sewer
30 district, or other public or municipal corporation shall use competitive
31 sealed bidding for a contract to study, plan, design, construct, develop,
32 finance, maintain, rebuild, improve, repair, or operate a water, wastewater,
33 or storm water drainage project that receives funds from the state.

34 (c) The procurement of piping material shall be conducted in a manner
35 that provides for open and free competition.

36 (d)(1) A request for qualifications for a water, wastewater, or storm



1 water drainage project shall state that acceptable piping materials may be
2 acquired for and used in the water, wastewater, or storm water drainage
3 project.

4 (2) However, acceptable piping material is suitable for a water,
5 wastewater, or storm water drainage project only if the use of the acceptable
6 piping material is commensurate with sound engineering practices and the
7 requirements of the water, wastewater, or storm water drainage project.

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