

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
3 SENATE

4 Senate Resolution No. 147

5 Offered by Senator Steve Rauschenberger

6 WHEREAS, The current Illinois Procurement Code was  
7 enacted in 1998 as a comprehensive and sweeping reform of the  
8 State's procurement and purchasing practices; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code stipulates that  
10 all State construction contracts must be procured through  
11 competitive sealed bidding; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code states that all  
13 construction contracts that exceed \$250,000 are required to  
14 have separate specification and bidding for plumbing,  
15 heating, ventilation, electrical wiring, and general contract  
16 work; and

17 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 735 of the 92nd General Assembly was  
18 introduced to amend the Illinois Procurement Code and add  
19 "masonry" to the list of categories requiring separate  
20 bidding for State construction contracts; and

21 WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board issued a fiscal  
22 note for Senate Bill 735 stating that this legislation is  
23 expected to raise the costs of projects by as much as ten  
24 percent to cover increased design, coordination, and  
25 administration costs, with the yearly impact estimated to be  
26 \$45,000,000; and

27 WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board also stated that  
28 Senate Bill 735 is expected to raise the Agency's  
29 administration costs by approximately \$1,000,000 in the first  
30 year and \$600,000 yearly thereafter; and

1           WHEREAS, Some would question if increasing the number of  
 2 categories requiring bids would increase State cost by as  
 3 much as \$45,000,000, if reducing the number of categories  
 4 requiring separate bidding would decrease the cost of  
 5 projects by as much as \$45,000,000 per category; therefore,  
 6 be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General  
 9 shall study the possible effects of eliminating the five  
 10 separate specifications for bidding on State construction  
 11 contracts as a means of reducing the cost of State  
 12 construction projects; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the study shall include the fiscal impact  
 14 on the State of Illinois, construction contractors and  
 15 construction sub-contractors; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the study shall include an analysis of  
 17 using design-build practices for State construction projects;  
 18 and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report its  
 20 findings and recommendations to the Illinois Senate no later  
 21 than May 1, 2002; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
 23 Auditor General.

24           Adopted by the Senate, May 29, 2001.

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 President of the Senate

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 Secretary of the Senate