



MEMORANDUM

TO: District Manager

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DATE: June 22, 2018

RE: 2018 Legislative Session, Recently Approved Legislation

Attached please find copies of three (3) new laws recently adopted by the Florida Legislature during the 2018 Legislative Session and enacted into law. These new laws could have some impact on special districts and are summarized below.

1. Chapter 2018-52, Laws of Florida. This act prohibits a company that is on the "Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel" List or that is engaged in boycott of Israel, from bidding on, submitting proposals for, or entering into or renewing a contract for any amount with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services. A company that is on the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan" List, or the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector" List, or which is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) or more. At the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services, the company must certify that the company is eligible under the Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. This section provides for certain exceptions and requires contracts that have already been entered into to contain termination provisions.

This legislation becomes effective July 1, 2018.

2. Chapter 2018-146, Laws of Florida. This act relates to public record laws and provides for a new exemption from public records disclosure requirements for fire safety systems of certain properties held by an agency and exempts from public records and public meetings requirements portions of meetings that would reveal fire safety system plans held by an agency. The act provides for a retroactive application of the exemption.

This legislation became effective on April 6, 2018.

3. Chapter 2018-158, Laws of Florida. The act provides that special districts that are building, improving or expanding public facilities addressed by a development order issued to a developer may use the most recent local government report submitted by the developer on a development of regional impact required by Section 380.06(6), Florida Statutes, as its public facilities report, provided that all information required by Section 189.08(2), Florida Statutes, is in the report.

This law became effective April 6, 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding these newly enacted laws please do not hesitate to contact this office.