

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jesse White

DATE: February 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation – Limiting the use of "No-Bid" and Emergency Contracts
(former HB2625)

I will soon be re-introducing legislation that would change the procedure under which state contracts could be allowed using sole source or emergency contracting procedures. Under current law, the designation of the need for a sole source or emergency contract is made unilaterally by the relevant contracting officer. This has led to controversy in the past. I believe we need to get serious about how unseemly some of our sole source contracts can appear to the voting public.

If my bill becomes law, all sole source or emergency contracts would require the written approval of at least two of the three following people:

- The State Treasurer
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives
- The President pro tempore of the Senate

Cosponsors in the prior term were: CALTAGIRONE, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, GODSHALL, KOTIK, LEVDANSKY, OBERLANDER, M. O'BRIEN, PAYTON, PYLE, SAINATO, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH, DEASY AND YOUNGBLOOD.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring my legislation, please contact Eileen Kornotto of my office at 783-6437 X6586 or ekornott@pahouse.net.