

HOUSE BILL 1244

By Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 4, relative to public contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-117, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding a reciprocity agreement between this state or its contractor's board and another state or jurisdiction of the United States or its equivalent contractor's board, as applicable, a person or entity that bids on a public construction project in this state must hold the appropriate Tennessee contractor's license to construct such project in this state prior to bidding on the project.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Contractor's board" means the state board for licensing contractors created under § 62-6-104, or the equivalent contractor's board in another state or jurisdiction of the United States;

(2) "Local government" means a municipality, county, or metropolitan form of government; and

(3) "Public construction project" means a state or local government construction project wherein state or local government funds may be appropriated or expended for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, altering, repairing, demolishing, or making an addition to a building; or a construction project for the purpose of building, rebuilding, locating, relocating, or repairing a street, highway, or bridge on behalf of this state or a local government.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and does not alter, impair, void, or nullify an existing contract entered into before July 1, 2021.