



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 626

October 20, 2021 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives SORTWELL and GUNDRUM. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 16.867 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** selection of architects
2 and engineers for state projects.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of administration is required to establish a committee for each construction project under the department's supervision, except certain emergency projects, for the purpose of selecting an architect or engineer for the project. If the estimated cost of a construction project is \$7,400,000 or more, the selection committee must use a request-for-proposal process established by the department to select an architect or engineer for the project based on qualifications. This bill prohibits such a committee from refusing to select an architect or engineer who operates an architect and engineering firm with only one responsible architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than \$7,400,000.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 16.867 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
4 16.867 (3) A committee appointed under sub. (1) may not refuse to select an
5 architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than

