



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

June 1, 2010

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1004, enacted during the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Local Government...

When I took office, I promised the people of Florida that government transactions and information would be open to public input and transparent in its execution. Competitive bidding by governmental entities protects the public's interest and assures the best use of taxpayers' dollars. Laws are in effect which require competitive bidding of county lease agreements. This law is sufficient to achieve balance and protection of the public's interest and enable county government officials to achieve the best bid.

Local governments should strive to adhere to competitive bidding standards. Because we are elected officials, we have a responsibility to conduct business in the open for all to compete. We should not modify laws in the name of ease in exchange for the public's trust.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1004, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

  
Charlie Crist

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